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HISTORY
OF THE
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TO THE MEMORY OF
FRANCIS PEABODY, ESQUIRE,
OF
"THE LINDENS,"
DANVERS, MASSACHUSETTS
1831-1910

For forty-four years the
faithful and valued
Treasurer of the Peabody Institute
of Danvers

PREFACE

By letter dated May 20, 1852, George Peabody, of London, founded the Peabody Institute of Danvers, in the South Parish.

On May 18, 1855, a special "Act to incorporate the Town of South Danvers" was passed by the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Mass. Special Laws, 1855, Vol. 10, Chap. 385, pp. 425-428), and by Section 5 of this act it was provided that "The Peabody Institute, in South Danvers, shall be free to all the inhabitants of Danvers and South Danvers, in the same manner as if this act had not been passed."

By letter dated Revere House, Boston, December 22, 1856, Mr. Peabody established the "Branch Library of the Peabody Institute" at Danvers Plains, for which purpose he gave the sum of \$10,000—\$3,000 to be expended in books and in fitting up a room for their reception, and \$7,000 to be safely invested by the Trustees.

On March 7, 1857, the Trustees of the Peabody Institute accepted the offer of the Town of Danvers of two rooms in the second story of the Town House, which were fitted up for the Library. The first delivery of books from the Branch Library was made on September 5, 1857, at which time the Library contained 2,360 volumes.

On April 18, 1857, Joshua Silvester, *et al.*, deeded to the inhabitants of the Town of Danvers, for the sum of \$4,000, the lot of land upon which the Institute now stands, "on condition that the premises or any part of them shall never be occupied by any building except such as shall be used for the purposes of a public library or lyceum, or both, and on breach of this condition by said grantees or their assigns the said grantors or their heirs may enter and repossess themselves of

their former estate in the premises." (Essex Registry of Deeds, South District, Book 550, leaf 28.)

At the annual town meeting, held Monday, April 12, 1858, it was

Voted, That the land thus deeded to Danvers should be known as Peabody Park.

The land remained vacant and no action was taken towards erecting a building for the Branch Library, which as above stated was in the Town House, until the autumn of 1866. At that time a letter was received from Mr. Peabody giving to the Branch Library the additional sum of \$40,000 and establishing a separate Institute at Danvers Plains. Nine persons were appointed Trustees "for the management of the same."

At the town meeting, held Monday, November 5, 1866, this gift was accepted by the inhabitants of Danvers.

On May 1, 1867, the "Inhabitants of the Town of Danvers" deeded to the Trustees of the Peabody Institute in Danvers the lot of land known as Peabody Park (Essex Registry of Deeds, South District, Book 740, leaf 62).

The original building, which was built by Gridley J. F. Bryant, Esq., of the firm of Messrs. Bryant & Rogers, architects, of Boston, at a cost of \$37,814.90 (including the expenditure on grounds), was Gothic in design, and was dedicated on Wednesday, July 14, 1869. Mr. Peabody himself was present and made an address to the inhabitants of the town, and announced an additional gift of \$45,000.

On March 16, 1882, "An Act to Incorporate the Peabody Institute of Danvers" was passed by the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Acts and Resolves of Massachusetts, 1882, Chap. 86, p. 66). In the first annual report of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute of Danvers, dated March 1, 1868, it is stated that the Institute became incorporated in March, 1867, under a general provision of the legislature. An examination at the State House shows that the Institute was not incorporated at this time. Whatever steps were taken by the Trustees towards incorporation were

never completed by filing the necessary papers at the office of the Secretary of State; consequently the Institute was not incorporated until the above named Act was passed in 1882.

On April 14, 1882, a fire was discovered in the Institute building, but with the exception of the books being well smoked little harm was done.

On July 2, 1890, the Peabody Institute was entirely destroyed by fire, and temporary quarters were secured for the Library in the Porter Building, corner of Elm and Essex Streets. Nearly eleven thousand of the thirteen thousand books were saved in fairly good condition, as well as a large proportion of the contents of the building.

The second building was built by Messrs. Little, Browne & Moore, architects, of Boston, at a cost of \$34,218.49, and was dedicated Wednesday, October 19, 1892.

In brief this is the history of the Peabody Institute of Danvers. Details in regard to the foundation of the Institute, as well as numerous facts relating to its administration from 1852-1911, will be found in the following pages.

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RECORDS
OF THE
TOWN OF DANVERS

1852

On Wednesday, the 16th of June, 1852, the Centennial Celebration of the Town of Danvers was held. George Peabody, Esq., of London, had been invited to attend this celebration, and in declining the invitation he sent the following letter to John W. Proctor, Andrew Nichols and others:—

June 16, 1852

To Messrs.

Andrew Nichols
Ebenezer Hunt
Robert S. Daniels
Fitch Poole
Aaron Putnam
Nathaniel Pope
Francis Phelps
Joseph Brown
Francis Baker
John Page

Jno W. Proctor
Milton P. Braman
Samuel P. Fowler
A. G. Bradstreet
Moses Preston
Saml Brown
Leonard Cross
Miles Osborn
Gilbert Tapley

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LONDON, 26 May, 1852.

GENTLEMEN:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter inviting me to be present at the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the separation of Danvers from Salem, on the 16th of June, or, if not able to attend, to signify by letter, my interest in the occasion.

I am very sorry that my engagements allow me to comply only with the latter part of your request.

I should have the greatest pleasure in joining in your interesting celebration there were it possible. The early associa-

tions of my life are clustered around our ancient town. It was, as many of you know, in a very humble house in the South Parish that I was born, and from the Common Schools of that Parish such as they were in 1803 to 1807, I obtained the limited education my parents means could afford; but to the principles there inculcated in childhood and early youth, I owe much of the foundation for such success as Heaven has been pleased to grant me during a long business life. Though my manhood, before coming to England, was spent in Baltimore (which shares with my native town in my kindest feelings) I still cherish the recollections of my earlier days, and anticipate, with much pleasure, a visit to the Old Parish that I may witness the great strides I am told you have been making in wealth and improvements.

It is now nearly sixteen years since I left my Native Country, but I can say with truth that absence has only deepened my interest in her welfare. During this interval I have seen great changes in her wealth, in her power and in her position among Nations. I have had the mortification to witness the social standing of Americans in Europe very seriously affected and to feel that it was not entirely undeserved, but thank Heaven, I have lived to see the cause nearly annihilated by the energy, industry and honesty of my countrymen,—thereby creating between the people of the two great Nations speaking the English language, and governed by liberal and free institutions, a more cordial and kind feeling than has existed at any other time. The great increase of population and Commerce of the United States,—the development of the internal wealth of the country and enterprise of her people, have done much to produce this happy change, and I can scarcely see bounds to our possible future, if we preserve harmony among ourselves and good faith to the rest of the world;—and if we plant the unrivalled New England Institution of the Common School, liberally among the emigrants who are filling up the Great Valley of the Mississippi. That this may be done, is I am persuaded, no less your wish than mine.

I enclose a sentiment which I ask may remain sealed till this letter is read on the day of the Celebration, when it is to be opened according to the direction on the envelope.

With great respect,

I have the honor to be,

Your fellow townsman,

George Peabody

NOTE. The original letter dated May 26, 1852, is not in the possession of the Peabody Institute in Danvers or Peabody, Massachusetts, nor do their records even contain a copy of that portion of the letter preceding the "endorsement." These papers are copies of the original papers now on file in the Essex Institute, Salem, Massachusetts, among the Samuel Putnam Fowler Papers.

The following is the record of the endorsement on the envelope named in the communication from George Peabody, Esq., of London, and also the record of said Peabody's communication enclosed in said envelope:— p. 438

[*Endorsement*]

The seal of this is not to be broken till the toasts are being proposed by the Chairman at the Dinner 16th June at Danvers in Commemoration of the 100th year since its severance from Salem. It contains a sentiment for the occasion from George Peabody of London.

By George Peabody of London.

Education. A debt due from present to future generations.

In acknowledgment of the payment of that debt by the generation which preceded me in my native town of Danvers, and to aid in its prompt future discharge, I give to the inhabitants of that town the sum of Twenty thousand Dollars, for the promotion of knowledge and morality among them. I beg to remark that the subject of making a gift to my Native town

has for some years occupied my mind, and I avail myself of your present interesting festival to make the communication in the hope that it will add to the pleasures of the day. I annex to the gift such conditions only as I deem necessary for its preservation and the accomplishment of the purposes before named. The conditions are, that the legal voters of the town, at a meeting to be held at a convenient time after the 16th of June shall accept the gift, and shall elect a Committee of not less than 12 persons to receive and have charge of the same for the purpose of establishing a Lyceum for the delivery of lectures, upon such subjects as may be designated by a Committee of the town free to all the inhabitants under such rules as said Committee from time to time may enact; and that a library shall be obtained which shall also be free to the inhabitants under the direction of the Committee.

That a suitable building for the use of the Lyceum shall be erected at a cost including the land, fixtures, Furniture, etc not exceeding Seven thousand Dollars, and shall be located within one third of a mile of the Presbyterian Meeting-house occupying the spot of that formerly under the pastoral care of the Rev^d Mr. Walker in the South Parish of Danvers. That Ten thousand Dollars of this gift shall be invested by the town's Committee in undoubted securities as a permanent fund, and the interest arising therefrom to be expended in support of the Lyceum.

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In all other respects I leave the disposition of the affairs of the Lyceum to the inhabitants of Danvers, merely suggesting that it might be advisable for them, by their own act, to exclude sectarian Theology and Political discussions forever from the walls of the Institution.

I will make one request of the Committee, which is, if they see no objection, and my venerable friend Capt. Sylvester Proctor should be living, that he be selected to lay the corner stone of the Lyceum Building.

Respy Yours
George Peabody

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Danvers, held Monday, June 28, 1852, the following action in reference to the gift from George Peabody, Esq., was taken:—

Town Meeting
June 28, 1852

Resolves, as submitted by Dr. Andrew Nichols and adopted by the town:—

1. *Voted*, That we the legal voters of the Town of Danvers in legal meeting assembled, accept with deep emotions of gratitude the munificent gift of George Peabody, Esq., of London, Twenty Thousand Dollars, for the promotion of knowledge and morality among us; and we, with a due sense of its importance to ourselves and to those who are to succeed us, accept the offered trust, and bind ourselves to faithfully, ardently, and constantly endeavor to fulfill the wishes and accomplish the noble purpose of the generous Donor, and to enjoin on our successors a like performance of the same sacred duty.

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2. *Voted*, That we now proceed to the choice of a Committee of twelve persons, to receive and have in charge the said donation for the purpose of establishing a Lyceum, for the delivery of lectures upon such subjects exclusive of sectarian theology and party politics as may be designated by a Committee of the town, free to all the inhabitants, under such rules as said Committee may from time to time enact; and to obtain a Library which shall also be free to the inhabitants, under the direction of the Committee.

3. *Voted*, That the members of said Committee shall exercise all the authority, and perform all the duties contemplated by the Donor, and shall hold office by the following tenure, viz: Two of the twelve shall hold the office until the annual meeting in 1858, two until 1857, two until 1856, two until 1855, two until 1854, two until 1853; or in all cases until others be chosen and accept the trust in their stead. And it shall be the duty of said Committee, as soon as may be after their organization, to determine, either by agreement or by lot, who of their number shall hold the office for the

several times named, and communicate the same to the Clerk of the town, whose duty it shall be to enter the same on the records. And it shall be the duty of the Selectmen to order, in every warrant for the annual town meeting hereafter, the inhabitants to choose or give in their votes for two persons to become members of said Committee, for the term of six years, in the place of those whose term of office at that time expires; and to fill all vacancies caused by death, resignation, or removal from the town.

4. *Voted*, That the aforesaid Committee of Trustees appoint annually from the citizens of the town at large another Committee, who shall select books for the Library, designate the subjects for lectures, procure lecturers, enact rules and regulations both in regard to the lectures and the Library, and perform all such other duties as the Committee shall assign to them, and they shall make a full report of their doings to the trustees semi-annually, viz: on or before the second Mondays in February and August.

5. *Voted*, That the Committee of Trustees be also required to make a full report of their own doings and the doings of the Committee by them appointed at the annual town meeting, previous to the choice of members of said Committee above provided for.

6. *Voted*, That it shall be the duty of said Committees to correspond with the benevolent Donor while he lives, and in all their doings pay all due regard to his expressed wishes.

On motion made by Alfred Amos Abbott, Esq., it was

Voted, That the institution established by this donation be called and known as the Peabody Institute, and that this name be inscribed in legible characters upon the front of the building to be erected, that in future years our children may be reminded of their fathers' benefactor, and that strangers may read the name of him whom Danvers will always be proud to claim as her son.

Fitch Poole, Esq., presented the following resolve, which p. 432
was read by the Moderator:—

Resolved, That our venerable and respected fellow-citizen,¹ Capt. Sylvester Proctor, be invited, in behalf of the town and in accordance with the special request of his early and constant friend, Mr. Peabody, to assist in laying the corner stone of the proposed edifice.

On motion, it was

Voted, Unanimously, to adopt the above Resolve.

The following gentlemen were then elected Trustees by ballot:—

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Robert S. Daniels, Esq. | Francis Baker, Esq. |
| Elijah W. Upton, Esq. | Eben Sutton, Esq. |
| Samuel P. Fowler, Esq. | William L. Weston, Esq. |
| Joseph Osgood, Esq. | Joseph Poor, Esq. |
| Miles Osborn, Esq. | Aaron F. Clark, Esq. |
| Eben King, Esq. | Joseph S. Black, Esq. |

On motion made by Fitch Poole, Esq., it was

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Voted, unanimously, That the Board of Trustees, chosen this day, forward a certified copy of the proceedings of this meeting to Mr. Peabody.

On motion made by William H. Little, Esq., it was

Voted, unanimously, That all the communications received from George Peabody, of London, be recorded.

To the Clerk of the Town of Danvers:

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SIR:

At a meeting of the Committee chosen by the town to receive and invest the donation from George Peabody, Esq., of London, it was

¹Capt. Sylvester Proctor died September 20, 1852.

Voted, To determine by lot the time which each member of the Committee may continue in office, in compliance with the vote of the town, June 28, 1852.

The result was as follows:—

Messrs.

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Aaron F. Clark | |
| William L. Weston | Term expires 1854 |
| Francis Baker | |
| Joseph Poor | Term expires 1855 |
| Elijah W. Upton | |
| Miles Osborn | Term expires 1856 |
| Joseph Osgood | |
| Eben Sutton | Term expires 1857 |
| Robert S. Daniels | |
| Samuel P. Fowler | Term expires 1858 |
| Francis Baker, <i>Clerk</i> | |

NOTE. The two Trustees who held office until 1853 were Messrs. Eben King and Joseph S. Black.

1853

Town Meeting
April 25, 1853

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Danvers, held Monday, April 25, 1853:—

The following Preamble and Resolutions were offered by John B. Peabody, Esq., viz.:—

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Whereas delays have occurred in the construction of the Peabody Institute arising from the many diverse opinions existing for a long time among the members of the Committee as to a suitable location, and

Whereas a great majority of the Committee have now finally sifted down their differences so as to settle on two locations, viz.: one called the Webster and Safford lot, the other called the Sutton or Wallis lot, and on the question which of

these two shall be taken, the Committee are about equally divided.

Now for a further aid in lessening the feeling of responsibility of the Committee in making their decision, and for the purpose of instructing the Committee and of harmonizing all persons and parties in a matter in which all have a social as also a legal interest, it is hereby

Resolved, . . . That the Selectmen be directed to call a meeting of all the legal voters of the town, to be held on the fourth day of May next, to give in their votes in favor of one or the other of the aforesaid lots, the ballot designating by name the lot voted for.

Mr. Proctor moved the following amendment, viz.: To insert the words "or any other lot that they may see fit" after the words "aforesaid two lots."

Voted, To accept Mr. Proctor's amendment.

Voted, To accept Mr. Peabody's resolution as amended.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Danvers, held Wednesday, May 4, 1853, it was

Town Meeting
May 4, 1853

Voted, That the Trustees be requested to give, through their Chairman or otherwise, to the town such information in relation to what they have done and what they purpose to do in regard to the location of the Peabody Institute as they may be able.

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Mr. Daniels, the Chairman, then gave an account of the doings of the Trustees. After which the town

Voted, To proceed to balloting (for choice of site for Institute, according to the second article in Warrant), and the Moderator declared the result of the balloting to be as follows, viz.:—

Whole number of ballots, 268.

Necessary for a majority, 135.

There were for the Crowningshield lot 4 ballots.

There were for the corner of Elm Street lot 46 ballots.

There were for the Sutton lot 89 ballots.

There were for the Webster and Safford lot 128 ballots.

And one ballot which read as follows:—

“A vote for the Wallis estate, 110 feet front, 140 feet back, with a common way of 20 feet all around, at a cost not exceeding \$5,000; if not obtained, then for the Crowningshield lot 200 feet square, with a common way of 30 feet all around; and convenient avenues from the east, the west, and the south, at a cost not exceeding \$1,000.”

There was no lot which had a majority of all the ballots.

NOTE. There is no record of any town meeting between May 4, 1853, and August 20, 1853, the date of the laying of the corner stone of the Peabody Institute, when any action was taken by the town in regard to the selection of a lot. The ballot taken May 4, 1853, was the only action that the town ever took, so far as can be learned, in regard to the purchase of a lot for the Institute. In October, 1852, the Trustees of the Institute began to move in the matter of purchasing a lot, and after a number of meetings and a good deal of discussion they voted, on March 8, 1853, to buy the lot offered by Eben Sutton, and they paid for it July 1, 1853.

August 20,
1853

On Saturday afternoon, August 20, 1853, the corner stone of the edifice designed for the Peabody Institute at South Danvers was laid. The exercises were under the direction of the President of the Board of Trustees, the Hon. Robert S. Daniels. The Rev. Milton P. Braman offered prayer and the Hon. Alfred Amos Abbott delivered the oration. At the request of Mr. Peabody and at the earnest solicitation of the Board of Trustees the corner stone was laid by the Hon. Abbott Lawrence of Boston, a personal friend of Mr. Peabody, recently returned from the post of United States Minister at the Court of St. James.

1854

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Danvers, held Monday, February 6, 1854, on motion of Fitch Poole, Esq., it was

Town Meeting
February 6,
1854

Voted, That the inhabitants of Danvers, feeling a just pride in the high character and reputation of their fellow-citizen, George Peabody, Esq., now a resident of London, and believing that it would be appropriate and becoming that the building erected by his bounty should be graced by his portrait, respectfully request him to sit to some competent artist for that purpose.

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Also, that a Committee, consisting of Fitch Poole, Esq., Hon. Robert S. Daniels, and Nathan Tapley, Esq., together with the Selectmen of the town, be appointed to transmit the above vote to Mr. Peabody and to report to the town for adoption, at the approaching annual meeting, a series of Resolves more fully expressive of the feelings of the citizens in view of his recent donations.

At the annual meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Danvers, held on Monday, March 6, 1854, it was

Town Meeting
March 6, 1854
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Voted, To hear the report of the Committee appointed at a previous meeting to report to the town a series of Resolves in testimony of respect (for his recent donations) to George Peabody, Esq., of London.

The Committee appointed by the town at a late meeting at Granite Hall to report Resolutions expressive of the sentiments of the citizens in relation to the recent donations of George Peabody, Esq., report the following Resolves:—

Resolved, That the inhabitants of the Town of Danvers continue to hold in high estimation the personal worth and eminent public services of our fellow-citizen, George Peabody, Esq., of London, whose many acts of public munificence and private generosity have conferred benefits on his native town and reflected honor on our common country.

Resolved, That we renewedly tender to him our warm and thankful acknowledgments for his repeated gifts to his native town, which show in the strongest manner the friendly sentiments he entertains for the place of his birth, and which are cordially reciprocated by his grateful townsmen.

Resolved, That we congratulate Mr. Peabody and each other on the completion of the edifice built by his bounty and bearing his name, which is about to be solemnly dedicated to the great objects for which it was erected, and we pledge ourselves to cherish and sustain it in such a manner that not only ourselves but coming generations may there learn the lessons of knowledge and sound morality.

Resolved, That we gratefully appreciate the generous motives which prompted Mr. Peabody to the offer of annual rewards to the youth of our higher schools for distinguished scholarships; and the School Committee are hereby requested to cause medals (similar to the Boston Franklin Medals) to be struck, bearing such device as they may deem appropriate and which shall be bestowed on the most deserving pupils of the Peabody and Holten High Schools, under such directions as Mr. Peabody has given in his communication to the School Committee.

Resolved, That a certified copy of the foregoing Resolutions be forwarded to Mr. Peabody by the Board of Selectmen of the present municipal year.

p. 61 *Voted*, To adopt said above report and that the balance of account of said Committee, together with the expense of fifteen dollars paid for the likeness of Capt. Sylvester Proctor, in compliment to Mr. Peabody, amounting to one hundred and twelve dollars and eighty-two cents, be assumed by the town in consideration of five hundred copies of the work in sheets to be placed in the possession of the town.

Dedication of
Library
September 29,
1854

On Friday afternoon, September 29, 1854, the Peabody Institute at South Danvers was dedicated. An address was delivered by the Hon. Rufus Choate.

On Wednesday, October 18, 1854, the Library Room was thrown open to the public.

Opening of
Library
October 18,
1854

The first course of public lectures was delivered in the year 1854-55, the introductory lecture being delivered by the Hon. George S. Hillard, of Boston.

1855

On May 18, 1855, "An Act to incorporate the Town of South Danvers" was passed by the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Mass. Special Laws, 1855, Chap. 385, pp. 425-428).

Incorporation
of Town of
South Danvers

The 5th Section of Chapter 385 provides as follows:—

The Peabody Institute, in South Danvers, shall be free to all the inhabitants of Danvers and South Danvers, in the same manner as if this act had not been passed.

1856

At the annual meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of South Danvers, held Monday, March 3, 1856, the Committee which sorted and counted the votes for Trustees of the Peabody Institute reported the whole number to be 173.

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March 3, 1856
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Franklin Osborn, Esq., had 104; Isaac Hardy, Jr., Esq., had 98, and they were declared elected.

At a special meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of South Danvers, held Thursday, August 21, 1856, William H. Little was chosen Moderator.

Town Meeting
August 21,
1856

The following Resolves, presented by Alfred Amos Abbott, Esq., were adopted by a unanimous vote of the town, 103 voting in the affirmative:—

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Whereas, Reliable information has been received that Mr. George Peabody, of London, a native of this town, whose life and character entitle him to our admiration and respect, and whose munificent donations have identified him with our local

interests and history, is about to revisit the United States, therefore

Resolved, By us, the citizens of South Danvers, in town meeting assembled, that we hail with deep pleasure this promised realization of a long treasured wish, and, praying for Mr. Peabody a prosperous voyage, bid him a hearty welcome to his native land.

Resolved, That a Committee of twenty gentlemen be chosen, whose duty it shall be, on the arrival of Mr. Peabody in this country, to invite him to visit this town, the home of his youth and the seat of his noble benefactions, and, if he shall accept their invitation, to adopt such measures as in their judgment will best express the love and honor which we bear him.

The following persons were then nominated, by a committee chosen for that purpose, to constitute the Committee named in the last Resolve, and they were accepted by the town:—

Robert S. Daniels, William Sutton, Fitch Poole, Henry Poor, Dr. George Osborne, Sidney C. Bancroft, Lewis Allen, Richard Osborne, John B. Peabody, Eben Sutton, Joseph Jacobs, John V. Stevens, Elijah W. Upton, Eben King, Henry A. Hardy, Francis Dane, Stephen Blaney, Thomas M. Stimpson, Alfred A. Abbott, Francis Baker, and the Board of Selectmen.

Voted, That the Committee have power to fill any vacancies which may occur.

Voted, That the Town Clerk be directed to communicate to the Town Clerk of Danvers the action of this town this day with regard to the expected visit of George Peabody, of London, to his native town; and that if the Town of Danvers should deem it proper to take action upon the subject, we should be pleased to have them coöperate with us.

Town Meeting
September 8,
1856

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Danvers, held on Monday, September 8, 1856, under Articles 2 and 3 of the Warrant, as follows:—

Article 2. To see what action, if any, the town will take in relation to the expected visit of Mr. George Peabody, of London, to the United States.

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Article 3. Also, what action they will take on the communication received from the Town of South Danvers, inviting a coöperation with them in the reception and entertainment of Mr. Peabody.

The following Resolves were adopted:—

Resolved, That in view of the expected visit of Mr. George Peabody, of London, to this country, we deem it proper that the Town of Danvers should adopt some measures expressive of their feeling in relation to the same.

Voted, That the whole subject matter of expressing the feeling of the town to Mr. Peabody be referred to a committee of seven, for them to consider the subject and report at an adjournment of this meeting to be held on Wednesday at 7 o'clock P.M., in the form of Resolutions or otherwise.

The following persons were then chosen to constitute the Committee: Joshua Silvester, S. P. Fowler, W. L. Weston, Eben Hunt, Matthew Hooper, Augustus Mudge, B. F. Hutchinson.

Voted, That B. F. Hutchinson be excused. Chose Samuel Preston.

Voted, That Philemon Putnam be added to the Committee.

Voted, That A. A. Putnam be added to the Committee.

At an adjournment of the above meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Danvers, held on Wednesday, September 10, 1856, The Committee appointed by the town to consider what measures should be taken with reference to the expected visit of Mr. George Peabody to this country have carefully considered the subject and ask leave to report:—

Town Meeting
September 10,
1856
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REPORT

The Committee are happy in being able to say that in the conclusions to which they have arrived they are entirely unanimous.

They think that it is no less due to Mr. Peabody than to our own character that a cordial and hearty greeting should be extended to one who has manifested so deep an interest in our welfare, particularly by the children of Danvers, who are more directly the recipients of Mr. Peabody's noble gift; the opportunity of seeing face to face and hearing the words of their benefactor, of one who has done so much towards discharging "the debt due from the present to future generations," will surely be gratefully appreciated, and as expressive of our feeling on the subject they would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:—

Resolved, By the citizens of Danvers in town meeting assembled, that we anticipate with much pleasure the promised visit of Mr. Peabody to his native land, and will cordially bid him welcome to the place of his nativity.

Resolved, That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to our sister Town of South Danvers for the invitation extended to coöperate with them in the reception and entertainment of Mr. Peabody, and while heartily concurring in the sentiments of the Resolutions adopted by them, it will give us pleasure to coöperate with them in adopting such measures as will best accord with the views herein expressed, and to this end

Resolved, That a committee of twenty (20) be chosen to take the requisite measures in coöperation with our friends in South Danvers.

Joshua Silvester, Philemon Putnam, Ebenezer Hunt, S. P. Fowler, W. L. Weston, Matthew Hooper, A. A. Putnam, Augustus Mudge, Samuel Preston, Committee.

Voted, To accept the report of the Committee.

Voted, That the blank be filled by adding the word twenty.

Voted, That the same committee that has had the subject under consideration constitute a part of the committee.

Voted, That the remaining committee of eleven be now chosen.

Committee: James D. Black, Levi Merrill, Charles Page, I. H. Putnam, Reuben Wilkins, J. A. Learoyd, B. F. Hutchinson, William Endicott, Charles P. Preston, Nathan Tapley, William Green, were chosen.

Voted, That G. A. Tapley be added to the committee.

On motion to adopt the recommendation of the committee, p. 216
the following was the result:—

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| 1st count, | 43 for accepting, | 6 against |
| 2d count, | 51 for accepting, | 1 against |
| 3d count, | 65 for accepting, | 2 against |
| 4th count, | 68 for accepting, | 2 against |

Voted, That when we adjourn we adjourn to Saturday evening (September 13) next, at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of again taking a count on the passage of the motion to adopt the recommendation of the Committee.

Voted, That our acceptance of the invitation of the Town of South Danvers be communicated to the Town Clerk of South Danvers, together with the names of the committee chosen to coöperate with their committee.

Voted, That the committee be instructed to proceed forthwith to carry out the recommendations of the committee.

At an adjourned meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Danvers, held Saturday, September 13, 1856, the votes on above measures were as follows:—

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| 1st count, | 60 for adopting, | 13 against |
| 2d count, | 66 for adopting, | 15 against |

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At an adjourned meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Danvers, held Tuesday, September 15, 1856, it was

Voted, That the recommendations of the committee be adopted, 143 voting for the adoption, 9 against.

Statement of James D. Black, Esq., Moderator:—

The Chair decides that the motion was carried so far as to authorize the committee to make such arrangements as they deem expedient, in coöperation with the Town of South Danvers, to give Mr. Peabody a public reception and entertainment without appropriating any sum of money to defray the expenses of said arrangements, and that it is competent for the town, while the meeting is still alive, to consider the question, still open in order to give citizens of the town a further opportunity to add to the majority by which the vote was carried, if peradventure there may be a number voting for its passage sufficient to carry it in the sense requisite to carry an appropriation¹ with it.

1857

Town Meeting
January 12,
1857
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At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Danvers, held on Monday, January 12, 1857, under Articles 3 and 4 of the Warrant, as follows:—

Article 3. To see what action, if any, the town will take on a communication from the Trustees, and the Lyceum and Library Committee of the Peabody Institute, together with Messrs. J. Silvester, W. L. Weston, M. P. Braman, S. Preston, J. D. Black, and M. Hooper, in relation to a donation from George Peabody, Esq., of London, establishing a Branch Library to the Peabody Institute, at or near Danvers Plains, or take any order thereon.

Article 4. To see if the town will grant the free use of one or more rooms in the Town House to the Trustees of the

¹No record of an appropriation being granted.

Peabody Institute, for the purpose of establishing a Branch Library, or take any order thereon.

The following Resolves, submitted by James D. Black, Esq., were adopted:— p. 248

Whereas, We, the citizens of the Town of Danvers, have received a copy of a communication from George Peabody, Esq., of London (see p. 31), by the hands of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Peabody Institute, containing the munificent offer of a donation of ten thousand dollars for the purpose of establishing a Branch Library in Danvers, that the inhabitants of the Town of Danvers may enjoy the privileges and benefits of the library department of the Peabody Institute in a manner more nearly equal with the inhabitants of the Town of South Danvers than has hitherto been possible; with emotions of great pleasure we take the earliest opportunity in our corporate capacity to tender to Mr. Peabody for this fresh manifestation of his regard, and desire to promote the interests of knowledge and morality among us our heartfelt gratitude. Therefore

Resolved, That the inhabitants of the Town of Danvers are under the greatest obligations to Mr. George Peabody, of London; first, for the establishment and very liberal endowment of the Peabody Institute, exhibiting great sagacity in the founder in making provisions for the instruction of the inhabitants by lectures and books, and impartial and unlimited liberality in providing that all the inhabitants of his native town, without regard to conventional lines, should equally participate in the privileges of the institution; and now more especially for this last and to us more direct and entirely unexpected manifestation of his regard, in providing for the extension of the Institute, so that the privileges of the Library may be more accessible to the inhabitants of the present Town of Danvers.

Resolved, That this Library, so liberally endowed by Mr. Peabody, when he has left our shores and returned to

London to be with us no more, will constantly recall to our minds his many excellent traits of character; and, as time advances, the more intellectual nourishment we derive from the enjoyment of its privileges, the more shall we appreciate the gift, the intrinsic value of which, instead of being futile and soon remembered only as of the things that are passed, will continue to be increasing, from year to year and from age to age, down to the remotest time; and will assuredly secure to the founder the everlasting gratitude of generations yet unborn.

Resolved, That it shall be our endeavor so to use the privileges which our liberal benefactor has thus so generously brought to our very doors as shall best tend to promote the objects which he designed to encourage; esteeming this munificent gift, not merely as designed for our own exclusive benefit, but as a trust of the most sacred kind for those who are to succeed us and enjoy its accumulative advantages; when our children or children's children shall fill the places which shall know us no more, forever a trust, that we shall accept with a realizing sense of its magnitude and shall guard with a conscientious fidelity; which will enable us to yield it up with the fullest conviction that our duty in the premises has been well done.

Voted, That the above Resolutions be accepted and a copy be transmitted to Mr. Peabody.

Voted, That the free use of the two rooms in the second story of the Town House, over the Selectmen and Town Clerk's offices, be offered to the Trustees of the Peabody Institute for the establishment of the Branch Library.

Voted, That the Clerk be instructed to record all the papers received from the Trustees of the Peabody Institute relating to the Branch Library.

George
Peabody's
Letter

The letter received from Mr. Peabody and the letters to the Town Clerks of South Danvers and Danvers are as follows:—

REVERE HOUSE, BOSTON, December 22, 1856.

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To the Trustees of the Peabody Institute.

GENTLEMEN: During my recent visit to the old Town of Danvers I had opportunities of examining into and understanding the operations of the Institute and of ascertaining to some extent the comparative advantage derived from it by different portions of the Town.

In compliance with my original directions, the Institute was located within one-third of a mile of the site of the meeting house formerly under the pastoral care of the Rev. Mr. Walker; and while thus the population of South Danvers are within a reasonable distance of the Institute, the population of Danvers is mostly too remote therefrom and cannot conveniently share fully in its privileges.

It has occurred to me that a branch library might be established in Danvers, in some central position (probably at the Plains) which would remedy the existing difficulty, and would secure to the Inhabitants of Danvers a more equal participation in the benefits which it was my design to confer upon all.

I therefore propose to make a donation of ten thousand dollars for the purpose of establishing a branch library, to be located as before mentioned, provided the suggestions and conditions hereinafter stated are satisfactory to all the parties interested.

First. The library shall be called and known as the "Branch Library of the Peabody Institute," and shall be under the direction and control of the Trustees of the Institute, in the same manner and to the same extent as are the funds of the Institute and its library at South Danvers.

Second. Three thousand dollars of the amount to be expended at once for the purchase of books (and the fitting up of a room or rooms for their reception); the remainder—seven thousand dollars—to be safely invested by said Trustees and the income thereof to be used by the Lyceum and Library Committee of the Institute for the increase of the Library, the pay-

ment of rent, and for defraying such other expenses as may be incurred in the proper care and management of the same—the whole of the income to be used for the exclusive benefit of the “Branch Library.”

Third. The inhabitants of Danvers are to be still entitled to the full enjoyment of all the privileges and advantages of the parent Library and Lyceum, and the inhabitants of South Danvers are to have the right of participating equally in the privileges of the “Branch Library.” If, however, it should be found hereafter that this arrangement ought to be modified, for the better advantage and greater satisfaction of all concerned, then this last provision, as also either of the others, may be altered by general consent, but such alteration being subject to my approbation.

It is my desire, gentlemen, that you will as soon after the receipt of this as is convenient confer with some of our friends in Danvers, in which conference it is my wish that the Lyceum and Library Committee of the Institute should take part, as in all proceedings relating to the matter.

I shall wait the result of your deliberations.

Very respectfully and truly yours,

GEORGE PEABODY.

The following letters dated December 30, 1856, to the Town Clerk of South Danvers, and to the Town Clerk of the Town of Danvers, were forwarded by J. B. Peabody, Clerk of Trustees:—

SOUTH DANVERS, December 30, 1856.

To the Town Clerk of South Danvers.

DEAR SIR: At a meeting of the Trustees and Lyceum and Library Committee of the Peabody Institute, with Messrs. J. Silvester, M. P. Braman, Samuel Preston, W. L. Weston, J. D. Black, and Matthew Hooper, citizens of Danvers selected by Mr. George Peabody for this purpose, a communication

from Mr. Peabody, a copy of which is herewith transmitted, was read, and the accompanying resolutions unanimously adopted.

The Clerk of the Board of Trustees was directed to forward a copy of the same to you with the request that they might be entered upon the records of the Town.

Respectfully yours,

J. B. PEABODY,
Clerk of Trustees.

SOUTH DANVERS, December 30, 1856.

To the Town Clerk of the Town of Danvers.

SIR: At a meeting of the Trustees and the Lyceum and Library Committee of the Peabody Institute, together with Messrs. J. Silvester, W. L. Weston, M. P. Braman, S. Preston, J. D. Black, and M. Hooper (Citizens of Danvers designated by Mr. Peabody), held at the Institute last evening, a communication from Mr. Peabody, a copy of which is herewith transmitted, was read, and the accompanying resolutions unanimously adopted.

The Clerk of the Trustees was instructed to forward a copy of the same to you, with the request that they might be entered on your records.

Respectfully yours,

J. B. PEABODY.

The Resolutions referred to in the above letters dated December 30, 1856, and recorded in Town Records under meeting held January 12, 1857, were as follows:—

Resolved, By the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, the members of the Lyceum and Library Committee, and other citizens of Danvers assembled for the purpose of acting upon the letter of Mr. George Peabody, proposing to give the sum of ten thousand dollars to establish a Branch Library of the

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Peabody Institute in the Town of Danvers; that they have received this renewed token of the warm regard and untiring generosity of Mr. Peabody towards the Inhabitants of his native place with the liveliest emotions of gratitude; and that they regard the conditions proposed by Mr. Peabody as wise and judicious, and cordially approve the same; and they recommend to the Trustees to accept the proposed donation, with the pledge that their utmost exertions shall be used to fulfill the conditions and carry out the wishes of our liberal benefactor.

Resolved, That these Resolutions be placed upon the records of the Board of Trustees and that the Clerk of said Board be instructed to forward a copy of the same to Mr. Peabody.

Resolved, That the communication of Mr. Peabody, together with these Resolutions, be furnished to the Town Clerks of the Towns of Danvers and South Danvers by the Secretary of this meeting.

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At the annual meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Danvers, held Monday, March 2, 1857, under Article 23 of the Warrant, "To see if the town will purchase, or take measures to secure a lot of land for the location of a library building, or take any order thereon, agreeable to the petition of Samuel Preston and others," it was

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Voted, That the 23d article in the Warrant be referred to a Committee of one from each school district and two persons at large to be appointed by the Moderator, who, together with the Selectmen, shall constitute a board, to take such action as they may believe for the best interest of the town.

The Moderator appointed the following persons on said Committee: No. 1, J. Silvester; No. 2, M. Black, Jr.; No. 3, Aaron Putnam; No. 4, F. P. Putnam; No. 5, James Goodale; No. 6, I. W. Andrews; No. 7, George Tapley; No. 8, F. A. Wilkins; at large, Matthew Hooper and W. L. Weston.

At an adjourned annual meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Danvers, held Monday, April 6, 1857, the Committee to whom was referred the subject matter on the 23d article of the Warrant, which reads as follows (see above), have attended to their duty, and ask leave to report that they have selected and purchased a lot which lies on Sylvan Street, containing about four and one-half acres, for the sum of four thousand dollars, and recommend that the town approve and ratify their doings, and authorize the Selectmen to draw an order on the treasury for the payment of the same; and they would further recommend the appointment of a committee of three persons to lay out and fence the ground in a suitable manner, at an expense not exceeding three hundred and fifty dollars, and that the Selectmen be authorized to draw an order on the treasury for the amount expended.

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April 6, 1857

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After some discussion upon the action of the Committee the following vote was passed:—

Voted, That we approve and ratify the doings of the Committee and that the Selectmen be authorized to execute the necessary papers and to draw an order on the treasury for the payment of the same; and that a sub-committee of three persons be appointed by said Committee from their number to lay out and fence the ground in a suitable manner, at an expense not exceeding three hundred and fifty dollars, and the Selectmen draw an order on the treasury for the amount expended.

Upon reconsideration it was

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Voted, To reconsider so much of the vote approving and ratifying the doings of the Committee on the purchase of land for the location of a Library building as relates to the appointment by said Committee of a sub-committee of three persons from their number to lay out and fence the ground purchased by the Committee.

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed to retire

and nominate a committee of three persons to lay out and fence the ground, agreeably to the recommendation of the Committee on the purchase. William Dodge, Jr., Winthrop Andrews, and Peter Wait were appointed to retire and nominate.

Said Committee retired and in a few minutes reported the following persons, viz.: Joshua Silvester, Matthew Hooper, and Augustus Mudge.

Voted, To accept the report of the Nominating Committee, and the persons named were declared chosen.

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PEABODY INSTITUTE, March 7, 1857.

To the Clerk of the Town of Danvers:

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held at their room, February 28, the following vote was unanimously adopted:—

Voted, That the Trustees accept the offer of the Town of Danvers of room in the Town Hall for the use of the "Branch Library."
(No signature)

Copy of deed from Joshua Silvester and others to Town of Danvers, dated April 18, 1857. Recorded with Essex Registry of Deeds, South District, Book 550, leaf 28.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, Joshua Silvester, Simeon Putnam, and John R. Langley, all of Danvers in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in consideration of four thousand dollars to us paid by the Inhabitants of the Town of Danvers, a body politic and corporate, established by law, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby give, grant, bargain, sell, and convey unto the said Inhabitants of the Town of Danvers, a certain lot of land situated in said Danvers and described and bounded as follows, viz.: Beginning at the southerly corner thereof on Sylvan Street, thence running by land of the said John R. Langley north $41^{\circ} 30'$ west one hundred and sixty-six feet,

thence on by a curved line by a new street leading from the Mill Pond to Holten Street about two hundred and fifteen feet, thence by said new street by a straight line south 51° west four hundred and seventy-six feet to a new street leading from Holten Street to Sylvan Street; thence south $34^{\circ} 45'$ east, three hundred and thirty-three feet to Sylvan Street, thence by Sylvan Street north 49° East six hundred and thirty-five feet to the point begun at. Containing four acres and seventy-five rods of lands. The said grantees to have a right of way to and from said land over both the aforesaid new streets. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above granted premises with all the privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging to the said Inhabitants of the Town of Danvers to them and their successors and assigns to their use and behoof forever, but on condition, that the premises or any part of them shall never be occupied by any building except such as shall be used for the purposes of a public library or Lyceum or both, and on breach of this condition by said grantees or their assigns, the said grantors or their heirs may enter and repossess themselves of their former estate in the premises, and we the said Silvester, Putnam and Langley, for ourselves and our heirs, executors and administrators do covenant with the said Inhabitants of the Town of Danvers, their successors and assigns, that we are lawfully seized in fee simple of the aforegranted premises; that they are free from all encumbrances, that we have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Inhabitants, their successors and assigns forever as aforesaid; and that we will and our heirs, executors and administrators shall, warrant and defend the same to the said Inhabitants of the Town of Danvers, their successors and assigns forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons, except as aforesaid. IN WITNESS WHEREOF we the said Joshua Silvester, Simeon Putnam and John R. Langley and we Harriet D. Silvester, wife of said Joshua, Harriet W. Putnam, wife of said Simeon and Mary A. Langley, wife of said John R., in token of our release of all right and title of or to dower in the granted

premises have hereunto set our hands and seals this eighteenth day of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty-seven.

Signed, sealed and
delivered in presence of

William G. Choate to
J. Silvester, S. Putnam
and J. R. Langley
Simeon Putnam
Harrieta M. Putnam
Simeon Putnam

Joshua Silvester [Seal]
Simeon Putnam [Seal]
John R. Langley [Seal]
Harriet L. Silvester [Seal]
Harriet W. Putnam [Seal]
Mary A. Langley [Seal]

ESSEX, ss.

DANVERS, April 20, 1857.

Then personally appeared the within named Joshua Silvester, Simeon Putnam and John R. Langley and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be their free act and deed before me,

William L. Weston,
Justice of the Peace.

ESSEX, ss. Rec'd April 22, 1857, 20m. before 3 P.M. Rec'd
and examined by

Ephm. Brown,
Rgr.

1858

Town Meeting
March 8, 1858
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At the annual meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Danvers, held Monday, March 8, 1858, under Article 17 of the Warrant, to hear and act upon the reports of the Trustees of the Peabody Donation, and under Article 22 of the Warrant, to hear and act upon the report of the Committee having charge of the Peabody Library Fund, no action was taken.

Town Meeting
April 12, 1858

At the second adjournment of the annual town meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Danvers, held on Monday,

April 12, 1858, the following report, which is not dated, was received:—

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY LAND

The Committee appointed by the town to fence, lay out, and grade the lot of land purchased by the town for the Peabody Library building site have attended to that duty, and submit the following report:—

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The Committee procured a plan of the lot which, submitted for advice to many citizens of the town and to good friends and advisors out of town, and with some slight alterations, was approved by all, and adopted and carried out by the Committee so far as the means allotted would allow. There has been expended and paid out of the town treasury three hundred and forty-seven 13/100 dollars for fence material, labor, trees, etc. The soil was taken out of the avenues and paths and used to grade up the ground so far as needed, and the balance sold for thirty-two dollars, which sum was expended for improvements in addition to that stated above.

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| 575 sugar maple trees were purchased at | |
| Vermont, cost on board the cars | \$49.37 |
| Paid freight to Danvers | 48.38 |
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| Cost of the trees at Danvers | \$97.75 |
| Sold 224 trees for | 49.98 |
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| 351 trees remaining at a cost of | \$47.77 |

Two hundred and sixty-one trees were planted by the side of the avenues and paths as border trees, most of which survived and flourished well last season. The ninety remaining were healed out on the ground; a part of these are wanted to take the place of those that failed last season. The balance may be sold, the proceeds applied to labor in resetting trees, etc.

When Mr. George Peabody was riding through these

grounds last August he seemed to inquire with much interest what grounds they were; he was answered that it was Peabody Park, a lot purchased by the town for a Branch Library building site, and as there is no name sanctioned by the town, the Committee would advise the adoption of Peabody Park as the future name of this lot.

The Committee would also recommend the appointment of a committee to take charge of the ground, and that they be authorized and instructed to rent it out for one or two years free of charge, on the following conditions, viz.: that it be well tilled and fertilized and kept free from weeds, the avenues and paths to be kept clean from grass and weeds, and where the ground cannot be plowed without damage to the trees and borders, to be turned up and worked with hand tools. We believe this can be done and that it will add much to the lot.

The Committee in closing their report would express their appreciation of the valuable services of one of their number who has been removed by death, Mr. Matthew Hooper, and add their testimony to his worth as a member of the Committee and the high estimation in which he was justly held by the citizens of the town.

Most respectfully submitted by

JOSHUA SILVESTER
A. MUDGE

Committee.

p. 344 On motion it was

Voted, To accept and place on record the report of the Committee on land for the Peabody Library.

Voted, That Joshua Silvester and Simeon Putnam be a Committee to carry out the recommendations and suggestions of the report.

p. 346 *Voted*, That the recommendation of the Committee in regard to the name to be applied to the grounds be adopted, and that it hereafter be known by the name of "Peabody Park."

1859

At the annual meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Danvers, held Monday, March 7, 1859, under Article 18 of the Warrant, to hear and act upon the report of the Committee having charge of the Peabody Park, the Chairman of said Committee on Peabody Park submitted the following report, which was read by the Moderator:—

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The grounds, as recommended in our last report, were let out for cultivation. They were decently well manured, but not kept so clean of weeds as we could have wished.

The dead trees were replaced by living ones, at a cost in setting of \$8.76, which has been met by the sale of surplus trees.

A few of the trees are since dead and ought to be replaced by others. We recommend now that the ground be laid down to grass this spring, or otherwise as the Committee on said park may determine, the cost of which, in addition to the crop, we estimate at twenty-five dollars.

We further recommend that a sum of money not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated for setting ever-green trees and shrubbery in the park; and that a committee be appointed to carry the above into effect.

Lest it should be thought that we are actuated by selfish motives in this matter, we beg to say the idea was suggested from a source we feel bound to notice.

This is respectfully submitted by

JOSHUA SILVESTER
SIMEON PUTNAM

Committee

DANVERS, March 7, 1859.

(Estimate for Peabody Park, \$275.)

On motion it was

Voted, To refer this report to the Finance Committee.

Voted, That the Committee on Peabody Park be chosen by nomination, and the following named persons were chosen, viz.: S. P. Fowler, Joshua Silvester, Josiah Grey, H. W. S. Cleveland, and Simeon Putnam.

Town Meeting
March 21,
1859

At the first adjournment of the annual meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Danvers, held Monday, March 21, 1859, it was

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Voted, That the report of said Committee be amended by adding two to number recommended as a Committee on Peabody Park.

A motion made to let out at auction the laying down of Peabody Park to grass was lost.

Voted, To still further amend the recommendation of the Finance Committee in relation to Peabody Park by leaving it optional with the Committee on said park to lay it down to grass or not, as they may think proper.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:—

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“We recommend to the town to accept the report and adopt its recommendations contained in the report, and to choose a committee of five to have charge of the park the present year.”

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Voted, That the report of the Finance Committee as amended be accepted and adopted.

Town Meeting
April 4, 1859

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At the second adjournment of the annual meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Danvers, held Monday, April 4, 1859, under Article 16 of the Warrant, to hear and act upon the report of the Peabody Donation, the report of the Trustees of the Peabody Donation was read by the Moderator.

A motion to accept said report was lost.

Voted, That the Clerk be authorized to procure a copy of the report of the Trustees of the Peabody Donation at the

expense of the town and place the same on file for future reference.

Voted, That the report of the Trustees of the Peabody Donation be laid on the table.

Voted, That the three members of the Board of Trustees of the Peabody Donation, located in Danvers, be instructed to insist that the Trustees of the Peabody Institute shall report to this town at the annual town meeting previous to the election of the Trustees, agreeable to the vote of the town passed June 20, 1852; and that an attested copy of this vote be presented by the Clerk to the Board of Trustees of the Peabody Institute.

1860

At the annual meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Danvers, held Monday, March 5, 1860:—

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Under Article 15 of the Warrant, To hear and act upon the report of the Trustees of the Peabody Donation, no action was taken.

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Under Article 16 of the Warrant, To choose a Trustee of the Peabody Institute in place of Philemon Putnam, whose term of office expires on the first Monday of March next, Joshua Silvester was declared chosen Trustee of the Peabody Institute.

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Under Article 17 of the Warrant, To hear and act upon the report of the Committee having charge of Peabody Park.

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It was

Voted, To accept and adopt the report of the Committee on Peabody Park. It was also

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Voted, That the same Committee, composed of the following gentlemen, viz.: S. P. Fowler, J. Silvester, Simeon Putnam, H. W. S. Cleaveland, and Josiah Grey, be continued the ensuing year, and that they be authorized to expend the balance of last year's appropriation if they deem it best in resetting trees or otherwise improving the park.

Town Meeting
April 2, 1860

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At the second adjournment of the annual meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Danvers, held Monday, April 2, 1860, under Article 15 of the Warrant, to hear and act upon the report of the Trustees of the Peabody Donation, it was

Voted, That the report of the Trustees of the Peabody Donation be accepted and placed on file.

Voted, on motion of James S. Black, That the Selectmen be instructed to procure such number of printed copies of the report of the Trustees of the Peabody Donation, and of the Lyceum and Library Committee, as they think may be needed for distribution through the town.

1861

Town Meeting
March 18,
1861

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At an adjournment of the annual meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Danvers, held Monday, March 18, 1861, the reports of the Trustees of the Peabody Donation and of the Committee on the Branch Library were then read by the Moderator, and it was

(1) *Voted*, That said reports, together with those of the Treasurer, the Lyceum and Lecture Committee, and the Librarian, be accepted and placed on file.

(2) *Voted*, That the Selectmen be instructed to procure such number of printed copies of the report of the Trustees of the Peabody Donation and of the Lyceum and Library Committee as they think may be needed for distribution through the town, provided it can be done without any extra expense of setting up the type.

(3) *Voted*, That the report of the Committee on Peabody Park be accepted and placed on file.

The following persons were chosen a committee on the Park, viz.: Joshua Silvester, Simeon Putnam, and Samuel P. Fowler.

1862

At the annual meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Danvers, held Monday, March 3, 1862, under Article 16 of the Warrant, to hear and act on the report of the Trustees of the Peabody Donation, no action was taken until March 17, 1862.

Town Meeting
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Under Article 17 of the Warrant, to hear and act on the report of the Committee having charge of Peabody Park, it was

Voted, To accept and place on file the report of the Committee on Peabody Park, without adopting the recommendation for an appropriation of twenty-five dollars.

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Voted, That the Committee on Peabody Park consist of the same gentlemen as last year, viz.: Joshua Silvester, S. P. Fowler, and Simeon Putnam.

Motions to appropriate the sum of \$25 and \$24.75 for the use of the Committee on Peabody Park were successively put and lost.

Voted, That the sum of \$20 be appropriated for the use of the Committee on Peabody Park.

At the first adjournment of the annual meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Danvers, held Monday, March 17, 1862, it was

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1862

Voted, That the report of the Trustees of the Peabody Donation be accepted and placed on file.

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1863

At the first adjournment of the annual town meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Danvers, held Monday, March 16, 1863, it was

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Voted, To choose a Committee on Peabody Park. Simeon Putnam and William Dodge, Jr., were chosen.

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Voted, That the report of the trustees of the Peabody Donation, when received by the Clerk, be placed on file.

1864

Town Meeting
March 7, 1864

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At the annual meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Danvers, held Monday, March 7, 1864, it was

Voted, To choose two persons as a Committee on Peabody Park, and Simeon Putnam and Joshua Silvester were chosen.

Town Meeting
March 21,
1864

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At the first adjournment of the annual meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Danvers, held Monday, March 21, 1864, the report of the Trustees of the Peabody Donation not having been received, it was

Voted, That when the same is received it be accepted and placed on file, and that the Library Committee cause a sufficient number to be printed for distribution through the town.

On motion of William L. Weston, the following preamble and vote were adopted:—

Whereas George Peabody, Esq., has recently bestowed upon the Institute which bears his name a valuable collection of books, which he desires to be considered a New Year's offering, a portion of which he specially designates for the Branch Library in this town; and recognizing, as we do, this renewed token of the Donor's interest in our welfare, therefore

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Voted, That the thanks of the town be presented to Mr. Peabody for this generous gift.

Voted, That the Clerk forward to Mr. Peabody a copy of the above preamble and vote.

1865

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March 6, 1865

At the annual meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Danvers, held Monday, March 6, 1865, under Article 15 of Warrant, to hear and act on the report of the Trustees of the

Peabody Donation, the report of the Committee on Peabody Park having been handed in and read by the Moderator, it was

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Voted, That it be accepted and placed on file.

Voted, To choose two persons as a Committee on Peabody Park, and Simeon Putnam and John R. Langley were chosen.

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At a special meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Danvers, called for Tuesday, October 17, 1865, but held on Saturday, October 21, 1865, Samuel P. Fowler, Esq., introduced the following motion, which was passed unanimously, viz.:—

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Voted, That the thanks of the citizens of the town are hereby given George Peabody, Esq., of London, our distinguished benefactor, for the late generous present of books to the Branch Library of the Peabody Institute, and that the Clerk forward a copy of the above vote to Mr. Peabody.

1866

At the annual meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Danvers, held Monday, March 5, 1866, under Article 18 of the Warrant, to hear and act on the report of the Committee having charge of Peabody Park, it was

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March 5, 1866
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Voted, That the report of the Committee on Peabody Park be accepted and placed on file.

Under Article 15, to hear and act on the report of the Trustees of the Peabody Donation, it was

Voted, To lay the 15th article on the table.

At a special meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Danvers, held Monday, April 23, 1866, under Article 2 of the Warrant, to see if the town will choose a Committee to act in concurrence with a Committee of the Trustees of the Pea-

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April 23, 1866

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body Institute of South Danvers, who shall proceed to New York to greet George Peabody, of London, the friend and benefactor of —, upon his arrival at that city, which is expected about the first of May next, the following action was taken:—

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Whereas information has been received that our distinguished benefactor, George Peabody, of London, will shortly revisit this country, we, the citizens of Danvers, in town meeting assembled, deeming it eminently proper that some measures be taken by us to give him a fitting reception and signify to him our satisfaction at his return to his native land, hereby adopt the following resolutions:—

(1) That we retain an undiminished sense of the obligations which we owe to Mr. Peabody for the institutions which he has established in the place of his birth, for the diffusion of popular intelligence and the improvement of the people, and that the benefits already experienced have confirmed our impression of the wisdom of the plan which he has devised to execute his benevolent intentions.

(2) That, while we express our gratitude for the favors conferred upon ourselves, we do not forget the munificent donation, for a similar purpose, to one of the large cities of our country, his liberal contributions towards the prosecution of scientific and benevolent researches, nor the recent splendid charity by which he has sought to provide relief for the destitute classes of London; trusting as we do that it is the initiation of a vast enterprise by which that part of the population of the great metropolis whose want and degradation seemed almost beyond the means of remedy will eventually be raised to a condition of competence, enjoyment, and respectability.

(3) That we congratulate Mr. Peabody upon the high and grateful appreciation which is entertained by the sovereign of Great Britain, together with other persons of elevated standing and influence, and by the people in that kingdom

generally, for his munificent gifts, especially as it is such a strong pledge that no needed coöperation on their part will be wanting to accomplish the object of his unparalleled generosity.

(4) That the untiring devotion with which Mr. Peabody from his earliest youth has prosecuted the business to which his energies have been devoted, the strict probity which has always marked his commercial transactions, his constant effort to promote kind sympathies between the country of his birth and that in which he has spent so large a portion of his life, the extraordinary profusion with which he has appropriated the acquisition of a most successful career to purposes of public utility, will in addition to their direct beneficial results operate, especially upon the minds of the young, in stimulating to industrious and honorable effort, dignifying their employments, associating in their view the pursuits of gain with high and noble aims, and promoting a consecration of all degrees of position and wealth to philanthropic uses.

(5) That a committee of two persons be chosen to repair to New York immediately upon the arrival of Mr. Peabody in that city, charged with the delivery to him of these resolutions, and to act in concert with a like committee from the Town of South Danvers and also with a committee from the Board of Trustees of the Peabody Institute, and to tender him the most cordial welcome of the citizens of Danvers and their best wishes for his continued life, health, and general welfare.

(6) That the committee consist of the following persons: Joshua Silvester, John R. Langley, William L. Weston, Henry Fowler, Israel H. Putnam, Charles P. Preston, Edwin Mudge, Edwin Hutchinson, Francis Peabody, George B. Martin, Dr. J. W. Snow, S. Fairfield Grey.

(7) That in addition to the aforesaid committee another committee be chosen consisting of twelve persons, selected from the various parts of the town, who, together with the Board of Selectmen of the town, shall constitute a commit-

tee to act in concurrence with a like committee from South Danvers, whose duty it shall be to render to Mr. Peabody such attentions as shall seem in their view a most suitable tribute of respect and gratitude for his charities and benefactions.

Voted, That the committee contemplated in the fifth resolution above be chosen by ballot.

The whole number of votes was twenty-two; Milton P. Braman had fifteen, Daniel Richards had fourteen, and the above named gentlemen were declared chosen.

Voted, That a committee of three persons be appointed by the Moderator to nominate a committee as voted in the seventh resolution.

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At a special meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of South Danvers, held Monday, April 23, 1866, it was unanimously

Voted, To adopt the following Resolves, presented by Hon. Alfred Amos Abbott:—

Whereas reliable information has been received that our distinguished friend and benefactor, George Peabody, Esq., of London, is about to revisit this country, having, it is understood, already sailed for New York, now, by the citizens of South Danvers, in town meeting assembled, be it

Resolved, That we hail the anticipated visit of Mr. Peabody to his native land with emotions of the liveliest satisfaction, rejoicing, as we do, in the earnest hope that he will journey once more to the home of his early days, and again accept the congratulations of those who have been the favored objects of his wise and generous bounty.

Resolved, That in the institution which Mr. Peabody has established here, and thus far sustained with kind and fostering care, we can point out to him a fruitful source of inestimable benefit to the generation now enjoying its privileges, a

promise of incalculable good to those who are to come after us, and a proud and enduring monument to the memory of its founder.

Resolved, That in token of our acknowledgment of the obligations of the town to Mr. Peabody for the favor he has conferred upon its inhabitants, as an indication of our regard and gratitude, and as an expression of our sincere appreciation of his exalted character and worth, a committee of three citizens be appointed, whose duty it shall be, in conjunction with a committee of the Trustees of the Institute and a committee of the Town of Danvers, to proceed to New York to greet Mr. Peabody upon his arrival there, and to extend to him a cordial invitation to visit South Danvers, to witness the fruits of his bounty and receive the heartfelt thanks of those whom that bounty has blessed; and further, that a committee of twenty-five citizens be chosen to consult with the Trustees and the authorized organs of the Town of Danvers, and to make such arrangements for the reception of Mr. Peabody, if his inclination and convenience shall lead him to visit us, as shall be properly respectful on our part and agreeable to him.

The following persons were appointed to constitute the committee to wait upon Mr. Peabody at New York: Elijah W. Upton, Henry Poor, and Warren M. Jacobs.

The following were appointed to constitute the general committee of twenty-five: Lewis Allen, Dr. George Osborne, Richard S. Rodgers (Rogers), Eben S. Poor, Jonathan King, Stephen Blaney, Miles Osborn, William H. Little, John A. Lord, Francis Baker, George F. Osborne, Benjamin C. Perkins, Caleb W. Osborn, George A. Osborne, Alonzo P. Phillips, Fitch Poole, Thomas E. Proctor, Thomas M. Stimpson, Mayhew S. Clark, Alexander B. Merrill, Franklin Osborn, Henry A. Hardy, Abel L. Pierson, Joseph Poor, Edward W. Jacobs.

Voted, That the above named committees have authority to fill any vacancy necessary to be filled.

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At a special town meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of South Danvers, held Monday, October 1, 1866, a letter from Mr. George Peabody to the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, bearing date September 22, 1866 (see page 53), having been read, it was unanimously

Voted, That the citizens of South Danvers have heard the communication addressed by Mr. Peabody to the Trustees of the Institute with emotions of the warmest admiration and the profoundest gratitude; that in this proposed additional act of beneficence they recognize another manifestation of that intelligent, enlarged, Christian charity which has already so generously provided for them and their children, and which in both hemispheres has scattered its blessings with so liberal a hand; that as almoners of this renewed and munificent bounty they shall feel an increased sense of their responsibility in the great work of promoting "knowledge and morality," and that they now solemnly pledge themselves to labor and strive to carry out the exalted views and purposes of their noble benefactor, so that the institution which he has established here in their midst, and so richly endowed, shall not only prove of incalculable benefit to this and all succeeding generations, but shall also be a worthy and ever enduring monument to the memory and virtues of its founder.

Voted, That the citizens of the town fully appreciate and cheerfully concur in the suggestions of Mr. Peabody as to the management of the Institute, and for the total exclusion of all discussions of party politics or sectarian theology within its walls, and that the Trustees be, and they are hereby enjoined to carry out, in the strictest good faith, the wishes of Mr. Peabody, not only in justice and respect to him, but as best calculated to secure the highest results of social, intellectual, and moral good from his splendid benefaction.

p. 536 *Voted*, That the citizens of South Danvers hereby formally relinquish all right, title, or interest which they may have in and to the Branch Library at Danvers, and the government,

property, and privileges thereof; the said Branch Library to be hereafter separate from and independent of the Institute.

Voted, That the Town Clerk be requested to transmit a copy of the foregoing votes to Mr. Peabody.

Voted, That the Town Clerk be hereby instructed to inform the town authorities of Danvers of the action of the Town of South Danvers relinquishing its rights in and to the Branch Library at Danvers.

Copy of letter from George Peabody to the Trustees of the Peabody Institute at South Danvers:—

GEORGETOWN, September 22, 1866.

*To the Trustees of the
Peabody Institute at South Danvers.*

GENTLEMEN:

On revisiting this country, there were few subjects in which I felt a deeper interest than in the condition and success of the Institute at South Danvers, and the Branch Library at Danvers. After close personal observation and careful inquiry, I am fully satisfied that these institutions have proved of great benefit to my native town, and that with additional means at their command their usefulness may be largely increased and extended. Accordingly, and with the same general purposes which prompted my original endowment, to wit: the spread of knowledge and morality among your inhabitants, I now purpose to give to the Institute at South Danvers, in addition to what I have already given, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, and an additional sum of forty thousand to the Branch Library at Danvers, to meet the wants of the people there.

As I understand it to be the desire of the inhabitants of each town that the two establishments shall hereafter be separated, distinct and entirely independent of each other, and as in my own judgment this arrangement would be for

the best good of all concerned, it will be necessary that the Town of South Danvers should formally relinquish all rights and privileges in the Institution at Danvers; such action to be followed by corresponding action on the part of the Town of Danvers, relinquishing all rights and privileges in the Institution at South Danvers.

It will also be necessary that the funds, heretofore placed in your hands for the especial use of the Branch Library, should be transferred to those who are hereafter to have it in charge. This being done, and the municipal action suggested above having been had, I shall be ready to pay over to the Treasurer of your board the sum indicated above, to be applied by yourselves and your successors in office, in the enlargement and improvement of the Institute, in expanding its capacities for usefulness, and in making it what I fervently hope it may be, a perpetual and ever increasing source of good to the people of South Danvers.

I am reluctant to annex to this gift any conditions, but I do most earnestly desire harmony, peace, and good will. In my first gift to the town I suggested "that it might be advisable for the inhabitants, by their own act, to exclude sectarian theology and political discussions forever from the walls of the Institution."

The views I then entertained time has only served to strengthen and confirm, and I must not omit now to impress them upon you. And that there may be no misunderstanding as to what these views are, and as I cannot express them more distinctly or forcibly, I will repeat to you the suggestions made by me in a letter establishing the Institute at Baltimore.

"My earnest wish to promote at all times a spirit of harmony and good will in society; my aversion to intolerance, bigotry, and party rancor; and my enduring respect and love for the happy Institutions of our prosperous republic, impel me to express the wish that the Institute I have proposed to you shall always be strictly guarded against the possibility of being made a theatre for the dissemination or discussion

of sectarian theology or party politics. That it shall never minister, in any manner whatever, to infidelity, to visionary theories of a pretended philosophy which may be aimed at the subversion of the approved morals of society. That it shall never lend its aid or influence to the propagation of opinions tending to create or encourage sectional jealousies in our happy country or which may lead to the alienation of the people of one state or section of the Union from those of another, but that it shall be so conducted, throughout its whole career, as to teach political and religious charity, toleration, and beneficence and prove itself to be in all conditions and contingencies the true friend of our estimable Union, of the salutary institutions of our free government, and of liberty regulated by law."

These views, the force of which the recent unhappy troubles in this country have not impaired, but rather served to increase their weight and render them more impressive, I enjoin upon you and your successors forever, for your invariable observance and enforcement, in the administration of the duties confided to you. I would not have anything said or done by or under the auspices of the Institute or within its walls, I would not have in the lecture room any expression of opinions, or speech, or word, which would create unpleasant feelings, or rankle in the breast of any one person, or set neighbor against neighbor, or do aught to disturb that kindly temper and social harmony which are most favorable to intellectual and moral culture, and which it is my earnest desire to promote. Surely there may be one place, one retreat, free from contention and strife, which angry passions and vituperative debate shall not enter—where there shall be agreement, sympathy, and good will—where the irritated temper and the fretted mind may find relief—where all, forgetting for a time their diverse opinions and conflicting views, may meet upon a common level, and together unite in efforts for a higher nature and a nobler life. Such a retreat I would establish and to secure this I invoke your coöperation.

I have only one other suggestion to make. Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, has been pleased to do me the signal honor of writing me a highly complimentary letter with her own hand, and tendering me the gift of her portrait. This is now being executed in enamel on a plate of gold by her Majesty's artists at London, and will be forwarded to me during the present year. As a work of art it will be extraordinary and unique; its intrinsic value will be great, and as an undeserved and too flattering personal testimonial and tribute, its worth to me and mine will be beyond price. Of this letter of the Queen, her portrait, the gold boxes from the City of London, and other valuable testimonials, I propose to make you and your successors the custodians.

In completing the arrangements for enlarging the Institute building which I understand you are now making, I require of you to provide a strong room, with suitable safe for the deposit and exhibition of these valuables, which shall be secure against accident or violence, and so far as human prudence can do shall preserve them uninjured for future generations.

Allow me, gentlemen, in closing to recognize and thank you for the earnest labors by which you have striven to render my efforts in behalf of the people of my native town successful, to congratulate myself and you that those labors and efforts have thus far met with a return which should gratify the warmest anticipations, and to indulge the hope that by the blessing of a kind Providence, our joint endeavors may be crowned with great and abiding good results.

I am, with great respect,

Your humble St.,

(Signed) GEORGE PEABODY.

NOTE.—The original of this letter is on file at the Peabody Institute at Peabody, Massachusetts.

1866

At an adjourned meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Danvers, held Monday, November 5, 1866, the Rev. Dr. Braman read a letter from George Peabody, Esq., to certain gentlemen named as Trustees, giving to them and their successors the sum of forty thousand dollars in addition to the ten thousand already given for the endowment of a separate institution in Danvers, and offered the following Resolutions:—

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November 5,
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Whereas, at a meeting of the Town of Danvers, holden November 5, 1866, a letter from George Peabody, Esq., to certain persons therein named was read, granting to them the sum of forty thousand dollars to be united, with the consent of said town, to ten thousand already given as a fund to be held in perpetual trust by them and such successors as shall be appointed according to the method indicated, to fill vacancies which may occur in their number, for the purpose of maintaining a library and annual lectures, and of erecting such an edifice as these objects shall require, according to terms specified in said letter, with a view to promote intelligence and morality among the citizens of Danvers, therefore

(1) *Voted*, That the inhabitants of Danvers accept with a profound sense of obligation to Mr. Peabody the noble benefaction which he has been pleased to bestow upon them with the conditions annexed to the gift; that they tender to him their most cordial thanks for such an expression of his deep interest in their welfare; and that it is their grateful conviction that the magnitude of the donation, and the uses to which it is applied, cannot fail, if the town is true to its trust, of exercising a benignant influence upon the moral and intellectual improvement of the people; and that they take pleasure in the anticipation, as they shall pass from the scene of life, of bequeathing such great advantages to those who shall inherit their fortunes and bear their names.

(2) *Voted*, That they will use their strenuous endeavors p. 276

that the fund which they have received shall be sacredly appropriated to its designated uses, and that the liberal intentions of their benefactor shall be effected by a strict observance of the terms which he has imposed and a faithful use of the privileges afforded them by the institution which he established.

(3) *Voted*, That we signify to Mr. Peabody the satisfaction which we derive from his protracted visit to his friends in his native town and country, and our hope that his valued life will be preserved to effect in the fullest manner his long cherished plans of benevolence in the distribution of the ample wealth with which Divine Providence has crowned his honorable career, and that he may witness here, and in all places which shall share his beneficence, the successful and happy operation of those means which he has devised to advance the interests of his fellowmen.

Voted, That the Town of Danvers relinquish all rights and privileges in the Library lectures and other benefits of the Peabody Institute of South Danvers.

Voted, unanimously, To adopt the above Resolutions presented by Dr. Braman.

Voted, That the above Resolutions be transmitted to Mr. Peabody through the Board of Trustees named in his letter.

Voted, That the Institute be called the Peabody Institute of Danvers.

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LETTER FROM GEORGE PEABODY, ESQ.

To Rev. Milton P. Braman, Joshua Silvester, Francis Peabody, Jr., Samuel P. Fowler, Daniel Richards, Israel W. Andrews, Jacob F. Perry, Charles P. Preston, and Israel H. Putnam, Esqrs., all of Danvers.

GENTLEMEN:

In a letter to the trustees of the Peabody Institute at South Danvers, bearing date of the 22d of last month, I expressed

my purpose of giving, in addition to the ten thousand dollars formerly given by me to them for the foundation of the Branch Library in your town, the sum of forty thousand dollars, making in all fifty thousand dollars for the foundation of a separate and distinct Institution in your town, and with the understanding that by the necessary municipal action on the part of South Danvers and Danvers each town should formally relinquish all rights and privileges in the Library, lectures, or other benefits of the other; and I then also stated that it would be necessary that the funds heretofore placed in the hands of the trustees of the Institute at South Danvers for the especial use of the Branch Library should be transferred to those who should hereafter have it in charge.

The Town of South Danvers having taken the municipal action indicated in the letter to which I have referred, I now, with the understanding that the Town of Danvers has taken or shall take like action, designate you gentlemen as the persons to whom the funds heretofore held by the said trustees for the benefit of the Branch Library shall now be transferred, and give you in addition the sum of forty thousand dollars, which together with the amount thus transferred to you shall be by you and your successors held in trust or expended under the provision of such trust, for the establishment of an Institute for the promotion of Knowledge and Morality in the Town of Danvers similar in its general character to that which now exists at South Danvers.

Of this amount I direct that the sum of thirty thousand dollars be and always remain permanently invested as a Fund of which the annual income shall be expended under the direction of yourselves and your successors for the maintenance, increase, and care of the Library and the delivery of such lectures or courses of lectures as shall be conducive to the purposes proposed in the establishment of the Institution.

The remainder of the amount I have placed in your hands as above shall be used for the erection of a suitable building for the Library and other purposes of the said Institute, which shall be completed within two years from the date hereof.

In the event of any and all vacancies occurring in the number of you, my trustees above named, by resignation, by death, or in what manner soever such vacancy shall occur, I direct that such vacancy shall be filled by the choice of the inhabitants of the Town of Danvers legally qualified to vote at town meetings, who shall at a town meeting to be called for the purpose as soon as conveniently may be after such vacancy occurs make such choice, and I further direct that my said trustees shall annually make and print a Report which shall be made public and published, setting forth the condition of the Institute, of the Library, and of the funds invested.

And wishing, as I do, to promote both now and for all coming time a spirit of Peace, unity, and brotherly love, I enjoin upon you and your successors forever the same principles and directions for your guidance in relation to party politics or sectarian theology, or any allusion to them whatever in any of the lectures, meetings, or transactions of the Institute, which I have already enjoined upon the trustees of the Peabody Institute at South Danvers, in my letter September 22, 1866, and I beg to refer you specially to that letter—for the rules to be observed in relation to your future course. I have further to ask that you will communicate the contents of this letter of trust to a town meeting of the citizens of Danvers at as early a day as convenient.

I am, with highest respect, your humble servant,

GEORGE PEABODY.

OAKLAND, MD., October 30, 1866.

[In Box 2207, Old Colony Trust Co., Boston.]

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At the annual meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Danvers, held Monday, March 4, 1867, under Article 15 of the Warrant, to hear and act on the report of the Trustees of the Peabody Donation, it was

Voted, To pass over Article 15.

Under Article 18 of the Warrant, to hear and act upon the report of the Committee having charge of the Peabody Park, it was p. 281

Voted, That the report of the Committee on Peabody Park be accepted and placed on file. p. 285

Under Article 22 of the Warrant, to see what action the town will take in relation to transferring Peabody Park to the Trustees of the Peabody Institute for the purpose of erecting thereon a Lyceum and Library building, it was p. 281

Voted, after remarks by several gentlemen, That the article be referred to a committee of nine, consisting of one from each school district and one at large, to confer with the Trustees and report at the adjournment of this meeting. p. 286

Voted, That the above committee be nominated by the Chair, who made the following nominations: At large, William L. Weston; No. 1, John A. Putnam; No. 2, James D. Black; No. 3, John Sears; No. 4, Francis Dodge; No. 5, Augustus Mudge; No. 6, Nathan Tapley; No. 7, George Tapley; No. 8, Rufus Putnam.

Voted, To act on the nominations collectively, and the above named gentlemen were accepted and chosen.

At the adjournment of the annual meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Danvers, held Monday, March 18, 1867, the committee to whom was referred the 22d article of the Warrant, to see what action the town will take in relation to transferring Peabody Park to the Trustees of the Peabody Institute for the purpose of erecting thereon a Lyceum and Library building, made the following report:—

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Although neither by the terms of the article in the Warrant nor by the vote of the town were the Committee instructed to consider the question of procuring another lot, yet this question seemed to be involved in any proper consideration of the sub- p. 293

ject, and they have accordingly directed their attention to this point.

There are many considerations which would make it desirable that a building such as is proposed should be more centrally located, but after conferring with the Trustees they are nearly unanimous in the conclusion that the interests of the town will be best promoted by its location on the spot originally selected.

They therefore recommend the passage of the following vote, viz.:—

Voted, That the Selectmen of the town be and they are hereby authorized to transfer to the Trustees of the Peabody Institute the lot known as Peabody Park, for the purpose of erecting thereon, at such time as the Trustees may deem expedient, a Lyceum and Library building.

For the Committee,

WILLIAM L. WESTON, *Chairman*.

DANVERS, March 18, 1867.

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After a full and free discussion of the subject by Messrs. J. D. Black, Augustus Mudge, I. W. Andrews, and others, it was

Voted, That the report be accepted and adopted. Affirmative, 93; negative, 36.

Peabody Park was therefore, in accordance with the above vote of the citizens of the town, transferred by the Selectmen to the Trustees of the Peabody Institute by a deed dated May 1, 1867, which deed is recorded with the Essex Registry of Deeds, South District (Book 740, leaf 62).

Essex Registry
of Deeds
South District
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Deed of the Town of Danvers to Trustees of the Peabody Institute, May 1, 1867:—

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS

That the Inhabitants of the Town of Danvers, a body politic and corporate established by law, by their selectmen hereunto

authorized by a vote passed at a legal meeting held on the 18th day of March A.D. 1867, which vote is in the following words, to wit: "That the Selectmen of the Town be and they are hereby authorized to transfer to the Trustees of the Peabody Institute the lot known as Peabody Park, for the purpose of erecting thereon, at such time as the trustees may deem expedient, a Lyceum and Library building," and in consideration of one dollar paid by said trustees, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby give, grant, bargain, sell, convey, and transfer unto Joshua Silvester, Milton P. Braman, Daniel Richards, Francis Peabody, Jr., Samuel P. Fowler, Charles P. Preston, Jacob F. Perry, Israel H. Putnam, and Israel W. Andrews, trustees of the Peabody Institute in Danvers and their successors in said office, that lot of land situated in said Danvers known as "Peabody Park," the same being bounded and described as follows, viz.: beginning at the southerly corner thereof on Sylvan street, thence running by land of John Langley north $41^{\circ} 30'$, west one hundred and sixty-six feet, thence on by a curved line by a new street leading from the Mill Pond to Holten street about two hundred and fifteen feet, thence by said new street by a straight line south 51° , west four hundred and seventy-six feet, to a new street leading from Holten street to Sylvan street, thence south $34^{\circ} 45'$, east three hundred and thirty-three feet, to Sylvan street, thence by Sylvan street north 49° , east six hundred and thirty-five feet, to the point of beginning. Containing 4 acres and seventy-five rods of land.

The said grantees to have a right of way to and from said land over both the aforesaid new streets. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above released premises with all the privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging to the said trustees to them and their successors to their use and behoof forever, but subject nevertheless to the conditions and restrictions contained in the deed of J. Silvester and others dated April 18, 1857, and recorded with Essex Deeds, Book 550, leaf 29, whereby said premises were conveyed to said Inhabitants and subject

also to the conditions named in said vote, and we, the said Inhabitants, for ourselves and our successors, do covenant with the said trustees and their successors that the premises are free from all incumbrances made or suffered by us, and that we will and our successors shall warrant and defend the same to the said trustees and their successors forever against the lawful claims and demands of all persons claiming by, through, or under said Inhabitants, but against none others.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said Selectmen, under the authority hereinbefore referred to, have hereunto set their hands and the seal of said Town the first day of May in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and sixty-seven.

Signed, sealed and delivered

in the presence of

WILLIAM DODGE, JR.,

SIMEON PUTNAM,

HENRY A. PERKINS,

Selectmen of Danvers.

[SEAL]

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

ESSEX, ss.

Dec. 14, 1867.

Then personally appeared William Dodge, Jr., Simeon Putnam, and Henry A. Perkins, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be their free act and deed.

Before me, John A. Putnam, Justice of the Peace.

ESSEX, ss.

Rec'd Feb. 15, 1868. 25 m. before 12 M. Rec'd and
Ex. by

EPHRAIM BROWN,

Rgr.

VISIT OF MR. GEORGE PEABODY

On Saturday afternoon, April 13, 1867, by invitation of a Committee chosen by the citizens of the town, Mr. Joshua Silvester, Chairman, Mr. Peabody visited the town for the purpose of meeting the children of the various public schools, the graduates of the high school, and the citizens generally. A procession of over a thousand scholars and teachers from the public schools of the town, including also a large number of ladies and gentlemen who have been the recipients of his medals, was formed at the Congregational Church on Maple Street about noon, and preceded by the Danvers Band marched through various streets to the Universalist Church on High Street, where the exercises occurred. The church was crowded to overflowing, the audience being composed largely of children, who were to offer him the first testimonial of esteem before the reception by the citizens later in the day.

Mr. Peabody arrived on the noon train from Salem. As his carriage approached the church the band struck up, "Hail to the Chief," and upon entering the edifice he was received with a spontaneous clapping of hands and cheers by the audience which lasted for several minutes after he had taken his seat.

The exercises were preceded by the performance of various national airs on the organ.

Rev. Dr. Milton P. Braman, President of the Board of Trustees, presided, and delivered a brief introductory speech.

The order of exercises was as follows:—

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| WELCOME ODE | Sung by the Children |
| ADDRESS TO MR. PEABODY | By Miss Allen |
| ORIGINAL ODE | Sung by past members of the High School |
| ADDRESS | By Rev. James Fletcher, teacher of High School |
| CLOSING HYMN | Sung by the Children |

Soon after these exercises Mr. Peabody met the citizens of the town in Gothic Hall, in the lower part of the edifice. It was crowded to repletion, the audience including many of the older citizens of the town.

Rev. Dr. Braman presided and made a happy introductory address, to which Mr. Peabody responded in an address of some length and of a very pleasing character.

In the evening Mr. Peabody was the guest of Mr. Francis Peabody, Jr., a member of the Board of Trustees, and there met by invitation the Board of Trustees.

The meeting was one of a very pleasant social character. The plan proposed for the Institute soon to be erected was shown Mr. Peabody, of which he was pleased to express his entire approbation.

In consequence of a doubt whether a building after that plan could be completed and furnished for the sum of money already placed in the hands of the Trustees by Mr. Peabody for the purpose, viz., seventeen thousand dollars, Mr. Peabody was pleased to say that if that sum was found to be insufficient he would enlarge it by a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars.

1868

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At the annual meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Danvers, held Monday, March 2, 1868, under Article 18 of the Warrant, to see what action the town will take in relation to the gift of two thousand dollars by Mr. George Peabody, for the purpose of procuring medals for the scholars of the Holten High School, it was

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Voted, That the 18th article be referred to the Finance Committee to report at the adjournment.

Town Meeting
March 16,
1868
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At an adjournment of the annual meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Danvers, held Monday, March 16, 1868, the report of the Finance Committee was then read,¹ and it was

Voted, To adopt the report of the Committee on Article 18, to see what action the town will take in relation to the

¹This report is not recorded in Town Records.

gift of two thousand dollars by Mr. George Peabody for the purpose of procuring medals for the scholars of the Holten High School.

On motion of Charles P. Preston, Esq., it was

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Voted, That the citizens of the Town of Danvers tender their thanks to Mr. George Peabody for this generosity in the gift of two thousand dollars, placed in the hands of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, the interest to be appropriated to purchasing medals for the meritorious scholars in the Holten High School.

That the Treasurer of the town be authorized to receive annually the income of the fund given by Mr. Peabody for medals for the scholars of the Holten High School, and that he pay the same as required to the School Committee of the town.

NOTE. On April 13, 1868, a special "Act to change the name of the Town of South Danvers" to Peabody was passed by the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. (Mass. Special Laws, 1868, Vol. XII, Chap. 121, page 446.) On April 30, 1868, the Town of South Danvers accepted the change of name.

1869

CALL AND PROCEEDINGS IN REGARD TO THE DEATH OF GEORGE PEABODY

The citizens of the Town of Danvers are requested to meet at the Town Hall, Monday evening, November 15, 1869, at 6.30 o'clock, to take action on the death and burial of our distinguished friend and benefactor, George Peabody, of London.

Death of George
Peabody, Esq.

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(Signed) WILLIAM DODGE, JR.
SIMEON PUTNAM
HENRY A. PERKINS

Selectmen of Danvers.

DANVERS, November 13, 1869.

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At a meeting of the citizens of the town, held agreeably to the above call, the meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, when on motion William Endicott was chosen Chairman and A. S. Howard, Secretary.

On motion of I. W. Andrews it was then

Voted, That a committee of three be chosen to report resolutions for the consideration of the meeting.

The Rev. James Fletcher, Samuel P. Fowler, and Dr. Ebenezer Hunt were chosen said committee.

The Committee, through Rev. James Fletcher for the Committee, subsequently reported the following Resolutions, which, after a few remarks by I. W. Andrews, were unanimously adopted.

The citizens of Danvers, having been summoned together by an event which has smitten the civilized world with a common sorrow, do unite with other bereaved communities in expressing our profound sense of loss at the death of our cherished benefactor, George Peabody.

Resolved (1), That new and tenderest emotions of gratitude have been awakened in our hearts at the recollection of his gifts to us, a people, and that we enjoin upon those who come after us, and are to share in his generous bounty, the cherishing of his name and memory to the latest generation.

Resolved (2), That while humbly recognizing the hand of God in this solemn event, which has closed a life so illustrious and revered, we would adore that same Hand which gave to our age and race such a man, which prolonged his years, and permitted him to cross and recross the seas in completing his noble charities.

Resolved (3), That while we tender to the more immediate relations of our lamented Benefactor our deep sympathies under this heavy stroke, we would at the same time give them our congratulations that they have been permitted to witness the triumph of his most cherished purpose, the unfolding and culmination of his affluent good will to men, and his promotion

to a place in history which shall become the more endeared with the lapse of time.

Resolved (4), That a committee of 27 from among the citizens be now chosen, who, together with the Selectmen, shall be authorized to carry out the wishes of the town in making any needful arrangements in regard to his funeral and burial.

The following persons were then chosen a Committee by the town, viz.: Rev. James Fletcher, Dr. E. Hunt, J. R. Langley, George Tapley, Edwin Mudge, William Endicott, Henry Fowler, Dr. W. W. Eaton, Eben G. Barry, Francis Dodge, Rufus Putnam, I. P. Boardman, Warren Porter, George B. Martin, Rev. C. B. Rice, Augustus Mudge, John A. Putnam, William R. Putnam, Nathan Tapley, Alfred Trask, L. P. H. Turner, H. O. Warren, W. J. C. Kenney, J. S. Learoyd, Andrew Trask, Daniel J. Preston, and H. W. Boardman.

Voted, That the Secretary be a Committee to send a copy of the above Resolutions to the friends of the deceased at Georgetown and the publisher of the *Monitor*.

Voted, That the town Clerk be requested to place on record the call and proceedings of this meeting.

Voted, To adjourn to the call of the committee.

At a special town meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Peabody (formerly South Danvers), held Monday, November 22, 1869, it was

Voted, unanimously, To adopt the following Resolutions, which were offered by Hon. B. C. Perkins:—

Resolved, That we, the citizens of the birthplace of George Peabody, deeply sympathize in the emotions of sorrow, veneration, and love which on both continents have been occasioned by the death of the Philanthropist of the age.

Resolved, That our memories associated with his life are personal as well as public. Here was his birthplace and the home of his childhood. Here was his first public endowment of the Institute which bears his name, and which will speak to

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1869

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generations to come of the love he bore to his native town. To us he has confided the custody of those sacred relics which were dear to him as tokens of the gratitude of both his native and adopted countries.

Resolved, That his munificent endowments of institutions of science and learning bear the impress of that immortal maxim which prompted his first public endowment in this town, "Education, a debt due from the present to future generations." Moved by the principle of this maxim, from the accumulations of his industry he has with his own hand spread a table to which he has invited future generations to partake of "the treasures of science and learning."

Resolved, That while we mourn his death we unite in gratitude to God that he has given the world such an example of practical Christianity, knowing no creed, no sect, or party; and while death may hide from us the manly form, there is that left to us which cannot be hidden—his great example of wisdom and an immortality which will teach the world that he who seeks fame the least is most sure to win it.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the relatives of Mr. Peabody, who were deprived of the sad pleasure of performing the last kind offices.

Resolved, That in pursuance of the last wish of Mr. Peabody, that his funeral services should take place in his native town, we will make all necessary arrangements for the services upon the arrival of his remains, and that we choose a committee, consisting of Joseph Poor, James B. Foster, and Amos Merrill, Selectmen of the town, together with Henry Poor, Elijah W. Upton, Isaac Hardy, Francis Baker, James P. King, Thomas M. Stimpson, Alexander B. Merrill, Lewis Allen, and Joseph Warren Upton, to coöperate with the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, with full powers to carry into effect the object of these Resolutions.

Resolved, That these Resolutions be placed upon the Records of the town, and that copies be sent to the near relatives of Mr. Peabody.

RECORDS
OF THE TRUSTEES
OF THE
PEABODY INSTITUTE
DANVERS

1866

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November 6,
1866
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The Board of Trustees of the Peabody Institute of Danvers, appointed Life Trustees by George Peabody, of London, consisting of the following named persons:—

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| Rev. Milton P. Braman | Israel W. Andrews |
| Joshua Silvester | Jacob F. Perry |
| Francis Peabody, Jr. | Charles P. Preston |
| Daniel Richards | Israel Herbert Putnam, |
| Samuel P. Fowler | |

met according to notice at the Town Hall in Danvers, Tuesday, November 6, 1866, when it was

Voted, That a committee of four persons be chosen to draft a plan of organization for this board, together with rules and regulations for the Lyceum and Library. Messrs. Joshua Silvester, Samuel P. Fowler, Israel W. Andrews, and Charles P. Preston were accordingly chosen.

Voted, That the present Library Committee of the Branch Library be requested to continue to act in the same capacity until a new committee is chosen.

Voted, That a committee be chosen to draft resolutions to be adopted by the Board of Trustees expressive of their acceptance of the trust and in acknowledgment of their appreciation of the gift to Mr. Peabody.

Rev. Dr. Braman was accordingly chosen.

Meeting
November 15,
1866
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At an adjourned meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute of Danvers, held Thursday, November 15, 1866, the Board of Trustees proceeded to ballot for permanent officers, and the following were declared to be elected:—

President, Rev. Milton P. Braman, D.D.
Treasurer, Francis Peabody, Jr.
Clerk, Charles P. Preston

Finance Committee

Daniel Richards Joshua Silvester
Israel Herbert Putnam

Committee on Building

Samuel P. Fowler Charles P. Preston
Jacob F. Perry

Lyceum Committee

Rev. Milton P. Braman Francis Peabody, Jr.
Samuel P. Fowler

Library Committee

Milton P. Braman Israel Herbert Putnam
Israel W. Andrews Samuel P. Fowler
Joshua Silvester A. S. Howard
Augustus Mudge Rufus Putnam
Henry Fowler

The following Resolutions offered by Rev. Dr. Braman, with the letter prefixed by Mr. Silvester, were unanimously adopted, and the Clerk directed to forward a copy to Mr. Peabody.

DANVERS, November 13, 1866.

GEORGE PEABODY, ESQ.,

DEAR SIR: Your note of October 30 (see page 60), stating your intention to give to the Town of Danvers the sum of forty thousand dollars, to be added to the ten thousand before given for the purpose of founding an Institute here for specified objects, and appointing nine persons as your Trustees for the management of the same, also your note inclosing an order on Messrs. Blake Brothers & Company, of Boston, for forty thousand dollars payable in Massachusetts gold-paying bonds, were all duly received.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town called for the purpose, held at the Town Hall the 5th inst., these

papers were all laid before the meeting, and the Votes and Resolves herewith transmitted were unanimously adopted by the town.

The nine persons named by you as Trustees met and organized by the choice of Rev. M. P. Braman, D.D., as president, and passed the following Resolutions, to which their names are all subscribed:—

Resolved, That we accept of the appointment conferred upon us by George Peabody, Esq., as Trustees of the fund which he has bestowed upon the Town of Danvers for the promotion of knowledge and morality among its citizens.

That we tender him our sincere acknowledgments for the mark of confidence with which he has been pleased to honor us in committing such a responsible trust to our hands; and that it shall be our unceasing aim, in a devoted application of the magnificent donation to the wise and beneficial objects for which it was given, to prove ourselves not unworthy of the confidence reposed in our fidelity.

Resolved, That we shall welcome Mr. Peabody to Danvers, at our homes, whenever it may be agreeable to him to accept our hospitalities, and to the institution which he has founded, to observe its operation and success; and that we shall be gratified to receive from him at any time suggestions of methods of conducting its concerns which shall seem to him most adapted to promote its designed influence and fulfill in the amplest measure the philanthropic wishes of his heart.

MILTON P. BRAMAN
JOSHUA SILVESTER
FRANCIS PEABODY, JR.
DANIEL RICHARDS
SAML. P. FOWLER
ISRAEL W. ANDREWS
JACOB F. PERRY
CHAS. P. PRESTON
ISRAEL HERBERT PUTNAM

Voted, That the President and Clerk be authorized to procure an Act of Incorporation for the Institute.

NOTE. No Act of Incorporation was obtained until March 16, 1882 (see page 96).

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Tuesday, November 20, 1866, it was

Meeting
November 20,
1866

Voted, That Messrs. Braman, Fowler, and Perry be a committee to draft a suitable bond for the signature of the Treasurer and surety-sum, fifteen thousand dollars.

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1867

At the annual meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Monday, January 14, 1867, it was

Meeting
January 14,
1867

Voted, That the Clerk be directed to make a record of the memoranda of the Treasurer submitted at this time of bonds received by him belonging to the Institute, as follows:—

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\$40,000 Massachusetts Coast Defence specie 5 per cent bonds, redeemable July 1, 1883

Nos. 192 to 231, inclusive, \$1,000 each

33 coupons each from No. 8 to No. 40, inclusive

First coupon due July 1, 1867

Interest from January 1, 1867

In regard to the above mentioned bonds the following letter was received by the Rev. Milton P. Braman, D.D., from George Peabody, Esq.:—

91 LAFAYETTE ST.,
SALEM, Dec. 27, 1866.

MY DEAR SIR:

I send herewith an order on Blake Bros. & Co. for the 40,000 bonds I donated to the Peabody Institute of Danvers.

On the 19th Octo the time I gave the bonds, I requested Messrs. B. B. & Co. to fix the cash value on that day, which

they did at $100\frac{3}{4}$, adding interest from 1. July, which after crediting the dividend coupon due 1. Jany, the price of each bond of 1000 dollars is \$997.75. This price they fully confirmed to me last week and I now send you a check for \$90.00 balance due you being \$2.25 on ea. \$1000.

Very respectfully & Truly yrs,

(Signed) GEORGE PEABODY.

To the Rev'd

Milton P. Braman D.D., &c., &c.

[In Box 2207, Old Colony Trust Company, Boston.]

At this same meeting Messrs. Braman, Fowler, and Perry presented a bond (which was accepted) signed by the Treasurer, Francis Peabody, Jr., as principal, and Francis Peabody as surety, dated January 5, 1867, in the sum of \$15,000, payable to the Trustees of the Peabody Institute of Danvers. The bond was as follows:—

TREASURER'S BOND

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we Francis Peabody Jr. of Danvers in the county of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as principal and Francis Peabody of Salem in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts as surety stand firmly bound to the Trustees of the Peabody Institute in said Danvers, in the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, to the payment well and truly to be made to the said Trustees their successors and assigns.

We bind ourselves, our respective heirs, executors and administrators each and every of us, jointly, severally and firmly by these presents.

Witness our hands and seals this fifth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven.

The conditions of the above written obligation are such that whereas the above named Francis Peabody, Jr., was on

the fifteenth day of November, 1866, duly elected Treasurer of said Peabody Institute in Danvers, and as such Treasurer accepted said trust and undertook to perform such duties as are required by the rules and By-Laws of said Institute.

Now the condition of the above obligation is such that if the above named Francis Peabody, Jr., shall well and faithfully discharge and fulfill all and singular duties of the Treasurer of said Institute in the Town of Danvers from time to time and at all times during the term in which he shall hold said office of Treasurer, safely depositing, investing, and keeping under the direction of the aforesaid Trustees all funds, money, and property which shall come into his possession or custody by virtue of his office as Treasurer as aforesaid or otherwise, and duly accounting from time to time for all funds and money and all property which may be committed to his hands as Treasurer aforesaid, and making such disbursements of said property as his office of Treasurer shall require,

Then the above obligation to be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

(Signed) FRANCIS PEABODY, JR. [SEAL]

Revenue Stamp

\$2.50

FRANCIS PEABODY [SEAL]

Revenue Stamp

\$5.00

[Original Bond cannot be found. This is copied from Minutes of Trustees' Meetings, p. 12.]

At this same meeting it was

Voted, That the plan proposed by Mr. Samuel F. Eveleth be submitted to the Building Committee.

The plans submitted by Mr. Gridley J. F. Bryant, of Boston, were examined by the Trustees.

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Monday, February 4, 1867, the plans submitted by Mr. Samuel F. Eveleth, of Northampton, for a building were examined.

Meeting
February 4,
1867
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Meeting
February 22,
1867
Records, p. 15

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Friday, February 22, 1867, it was

Voted, That an article be inserted in the Warrant for the next annual meeting of the town to see if the town will transfer the Peabody Park to the Trustees of the Peabody Institute for the purpose of erecting a Lyceum and Library Building thereon. A petition was accordingly drawn up and signed by every member of the Board present.

Meeting
April 3, 1867
Records,
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At an adjourned meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Wednesday, April 3, 1867, it was

Voted, on motion of Mr. F. Peabody, Jr., That Mr. Bryant be requested to make such drafts of a plan for an Institute building as may be considered necessary.

NOTE. Rules and Regulations adopted at a meeting of Trustees held Wednesday, March 13, 1867, to be found on pages 18-23 of Trustees' Records. (See pages 135-142).

Meeting
April 19, 1867
Records, p. 27

At an adjourned meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Wednesday, April 19, 1867, Mr. Francis Peabody, Jr., submitted the following letter of thanks to Mr. George Peabody for his late liberal offer, which was unanimously adopted and signed by the Trustees:—

LETTER OF THANKS TO MR. PEABODY

DEAR SIR:

In behalf of the citizens, as custodians of your bounty and Trustees of the Peabody Institute, Danvers, we tender you our hearty thanks for your continued interest in our welfare and for the increase you have so lately and kindly accorded us in the event of our inability to fulfill your desires within the already munificent amount appropriated for the purpose.

We shall endeavor to faithfully maintain and administer all the conditions of your trust, and we hope when we again

greet you that the happy fruits of your beneficence may be made manifest and your entire approval obtained.

That your ocean voyage may be safe and speedy and that new health and strength may await you on the other side is the prayer of those who subscribe themselves

most respectfully and
gratefully yours,

MILTON P. BRAMAN
FRANCIS PEABODY, JR.
JACOB F. PERRY
SAMUEL P. FOWLER
JOSHUA SILVESTER
DANIEL RICHARDS
ISRAEL HERBERT PUTNAM
CHARLES P. PRESTON

DANVERS, April 19th, 1867.

George Peabody, Esq.

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Monday, June 3, 1867, it was

Meeting

June 3, 1867

Voted, To pay Mr. Bryant \$200 for complete plans and specifications for Institute building, he having left the price to be fixed by the Trustees.

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At an adjourned meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Wednesday, July 17, 1867, it was

Meeting

July 17, 1867

Voted, That we offer Mr. J. P. Spofford, of Salisbury, the contract for building, provided on inquiry he be found to be a suitable person, for the sum of \$18,000, and the Clerk be directed to communicate with Mr. Spofford by letter.

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At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Wednesday, July 31, 1867, it was reported that Mr. Spofford declined to build for less than \$18,500. Matter dropped.

Meeting

July 31, 1867

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An offer made to Mr. Couch for the sum of \$18,000.

NOTE. On August 7, 1867, Mr. Couch declined to build for sum named at meeting, July 31.

Meeting
October 2,
1867

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Wednesday, October 2, 1867, it was

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Voted, To locate the Institute building fronting on Sylvan Street about 156 feet from said street. Placing the building as above will leave 80 feet in the rear.

Meeting
October 16,
1867
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At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Wednesday, October 16, 1867, a motion was submitted by Mr. Fowler that the President of the Board be requested to prepare a Resolution to be transmitted to Mr. George Peabody, indicating the desire of the Trustees to receive from him a full-length portrait of himself, to be hung in the Institute when completed, and the motion was adopted by an unanimous vote.

LETTERS REGARDING DONATIONS

BOSTON, April 27, 1867.

FRANCIS PEABODY, Esq.,

Treasurer of the Peabody Institute,
Danvers, Mass.

DEAR SIR:

We hand you herewith a statement of our appraisement of the \$40,000 Massachusetts 5% Coast Defence Bonds of 1883, delivered you by us January 14, 1867, under the order of George Peabody, Esq.

Truly yours, &c.,

(Signed) BLAKE BROS. & Co.

Appraisement of Mass^{ts} 5% Bonds on the 19th October, 1866.

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| \$40,000 Bonds @ 100¾ | \$40,300.00 | |
| Add. int. from July 1, 3 mos. 18ds. @ 5% | 600.00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| Value in currency with coupons on | | \$40,900.00 |
| Coupons on a bond, whether gold-bearing or not, are always sold in the market for currency at their face. We therefore took the face of the matured coupons Jan. 1 at | \$1,000.00 | |
| and deducted 2 mos. 12 ds. int. | | |
| at 5% | 10.00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| showing the value of coupons | | |
| Oct. 19 | \$990.00 | |
| deducting the value of the coupons | | 990.00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| leaves the value of the bonds, coupons off | | \$39,910.00 |
| The value of bonds being | \$39,910.00 | |
| Cash (if paid Oct. 19) | 90.00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| would make the sum of | \$40,000.00 | |
| Oct. 19, 1867 | | |

[In Box 2207, Old Colony Trust Co., Boston.]

MEMPHIS, 18 June, 1867.

TO DR. GEO. OSBORNE,

Treas. Peabody Institute of South Danvers,

& FRANCIS PEABODY, Jr., Esq.,

Treas. Peabody Institute of Danvers.

GENTLEMEN:

I have endorsed to your order and left with James Tinker, Esq., 14 Broad St., New York, an order from Mr. Peabody

for 4 U. S. 10-40 bonds dividends from March 1, last. Mr. Tinker will accordingly deliver them to your order.

They are to be divided equally for the medals of the Peabody & Holten High Schools, and when I return (about 5th July) I will take receipts, as directed by Mr. Peabody, for \$2,000 from each, "to be forever kept & the interest annually devoted to the object herein stated."

I am very truly yours,

(Signed) GEO. PEABODY RUSSELL.

[In Box 2207, Old Colony Trust Co., Boston.]

SOUTH DANVERS, MASS., July 29, 1867.

TO JAMES TINKER, Esq.,
14 Broad St., New York.

DEAR SIR:

I am informed by Geo. P. Russell, Esq., that he has left an order of Geo. Peabody, Esq., of London, reëndorsed by himself, in favor of Francis Peabody, Jr., Esq., treasurer of Peabody Institute of Danvers, & of myself as treasurer of Peabody Institute of South Danvers, in your hands for 4 U. S. 10-40 bonds, dividends from March 1st last. I hereby authorize Francis Peabody, Jr., Esq., to receive for me my portion of said bonds.

Yours most respectfully,

(Signed) GEO. OSBORNE, treasurer
of Trustees of Peab. Instit.
at *South* Danvers

This letter has following order upon the second page thereof:—

BOSTON, July 31st, 1867.

JAMES TINKER, Esq.,
New York.

DEAR SIR:

Please deliver to Peabody Willis & Co. the 4 U. S. 10-40
Bonds described upon preceding page

& oblige

Yours very truly,

(Signed) FRANCIS PEABODY, JR.,
Treas. of the Peab. Institute of Danvers.

[In Box 2207, Old Colony Trust Co., Boston.]

Report No. 2.

DANVERS, December 31st, 1867.

To the Trustees of the Peabody Institute of Danvers.

GENTLEMEN:

I have the honor to report that during the year 1867 I have received from Geo. Peabody Russell, Esq., acting for and under the orders of George Peabody, Esq., of London, two United States Bonds, known as the 10/40 Bonds, of the value of \$1,000 each, numbered 10,484 and 10,485, and issued under the Act of March 3'd, 1864.

The interest, say 5%, upon which is payable upon the First of March and First of September of each year, commencing from September 1st, 1867.

I am instructed to pay over the interest upon this fund yearly, to the order of the School Committee of the Town of Danvers, to be applied to such purposes as provided by Mr. Peabody for the benefit of the Holten High School of said Town. Upon or after the 2'nd day of March, 1868, I shall

be prepared to pay one hundred Dollars in gold, or its equivalent, to the order of the said School Committee.

Respectfully your obt s'vt

(Signed) FRANCIS PEABODY
Treasurer.

[In Box 2207, Old Colony Trust Co., Boston.]

1868

Meeting
January 13,
1868
Records, p. 35

At the annual meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Monday, January 13, 1868, it was

Voted, That twenty-three thousand dollars of the Massachusetts Coast Defence Bonds held by the Treasurer as a permanent fund be exchanged for Registered Bonds.

Meeting
January 20,
1868
Records, p. 36

At an adjourned meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Monday, January 20, 1868, proposals for building the Institute having been received from Messrs. Brace & Balcom, of Salem, at \$18,695, and from Charles H. Smith, of Newburyport, at the sum of \$18,500, it was

Voted, on motion of Mr. Andrews, That the contract be awarded to Charles H. Smith, of Newburyport, provided he furnish such guarantees for the performance of the work as shall be satisfactory to the Trustees.

Voted, That the Committee, Messrs. Silvester, Preston, and Fowler, be authorized to communicate the award of the Trustees to Mr. Smith and also to Mr. Bryant, the architect, and to cause a contract to be drawn in accordance therewith to be submitted to the Trustees.

Meeting
January 27,
1868

At an adjourned meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Monday, January 27, 1868, the first annual report of the Treasurer having been submitted by him, it was

Voted, That it be accepted and placed on file.

Records, p. 37

Voted, That the Clerk request the Selectmen of the Town of Danvers to insert an article in the Warrant for the next annual meeting to see what action the town will take in relation to the gift of two thousand dollars by Mr. George Peabody for the purpose of procuring medals for the scholars of the Holten High School, which fund was placed by him in the custody of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute and is now in the hands of their Treasurer.

At an adjourned meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Monday, February 3, 1868, the second report of the Treasurer (supplementary) was read by him, relating to the fund placed in his hands by Mr. Peabody for the benefit of the Holten High School, stating that it was two thousand dollars in U. S. ten forty bonds, and that the interest, one hundred dollars in gold, would be due and payable in March next. On motion it was

Meeting

February 3,
1868

Records, p. 38

Voted, To accept report and that it be placed on file.

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Monday, April 9, 1868, it was

Meeting

April 9, 1868

Records, p. 40

Voted, That the Treasurer be authorized to sell the bonds appropriated by George Peabody, Esq., to build the Institute building, and pay over the proceeds to the Building Committee from time to time as the funds may be wanted to meet the bills and demands against the building, the committee to give him notice of the amounts required and time they will be wanted, such account to be deposited in the First National Bank of Danvers to the credit of the Building Committee, Messrs. Silvester, Richards, and Fowler, who are to give receipts therefor and ultimately furnish the vouchers showing how the money has been expended.

Meeting
November 23,
1868
Records, p. 43

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Monday, November 23, 1868, the Trustees met according to notice, the entire board being present. Francis Peabody, the Treasurer, submitted his report of the building fund, and on his motion it was

Voted, That the President of the board address a letter to Mr. George Peabody, acquainting him with the fact that the \$5,000 promised by him for the completion of the Institute is now needed by the Trustees for that purpose.

Voted, That the loan to the Town of Danvers, now made at 6 per cent, be continued at the same rate rather than to seek a new investment at a higher rate.

Voted, That the Building Committee notify the President of the board seasonably of the completion of the building, and that the dedication be not sooner than the middle of January next.

1869

Meeting
May 3, 1869
Records,
pp. 44-45

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Monday, May 3, 1869, it was

Voted, That the time for the dedication of the Institute be referred to the Committee of Arrangements, to report at an adjourned meeting.

Voted, That the resolutions of thanks to Mr. George Peabody for the additional gift of five thousand dollars and his full-length portrait to be placed in the hall of the Institute, presented by Mr. Braman, be adopted as follows:—

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved, That having received a letter from Mr. Peabody, dated London, December 12, 1868, stating that he had "requested Mr. James Tinker of New York to send" us "a check of \$5,000," to be applied to the completion of the Institute building as an addition to "his previous donation";

which check was duly transmitted to us and devoted to the object for which it was designed.

We recognize with the deepest emotions in this liberal addition to Mr. Peabody's previous acts of munificence his unremitting kindness in the determination that nothing should be wanting on his part amply to fulfill his cherished designs to furnish means for extending opportunities of general education in the Town of Danvers.

Resolved, That we also acknowledge the reception of a full-length portrait of Mr. Peabody to adorn the walls of the Institute, and that we present to him our cordial thanks for his splendid gift, to the perfection of which he has devoted so much assiduity, and which exhibits such a specimen of the highest artistic skill and so accurate, animated, and pleasing an image of his person.

These Resolves were transmitted to Mr. Peabody.

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Wednesday, June 23, 1869, it was

Meeting
June 23, 1869
Records, p. 45

Voted, That the dedication of the Institute be on July 14 (Wednesday) at 3 o'clock P.M.

At an adjourned meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Tuesday, July 13, 1869, it was

Meeting
July 13, 1869
Records, p. 47

Voted, That the Trustees respectfully invite Rev. Mr. James Fletcher to deliver an address on the occasion of the dedication of the Institute tomorrow, in consequence of the sudden illness of Rev. Dr. Braman.

Voted, That Mr. C. P. Preston be invited to preside.

Voted, That Messrs. Silvester and Putnam be the managers and have the direction of seating the audience.

Dedication

July 14, 1869

Records, p. 47

DEDICATION OF THE INSTITUTE

On Wednesday, July 14, 1869, the dedication of the Peabody Institute took place according to announcement.

Charles P. Preston presided and gave a brief sketch of the cost of the Institute building and of the gifts of Mr. Peabody for the support of the Institute to the present time, and alluded to the gift by the town of the land, Peabody Park, on which the building is located.

A prayer was offered by Rev. Charles B. Rice.

A dedicatory address was pronounced by Rev. James Fletcher, and anthems were sung by a select choir under the direction of Mr. John S. Learoyd.

Mr. Peabody was present and made an address to the citizens, congratulating them and the Trustees on erecting so fine a building for the purposes of the Library and lectures, and announcing a gift of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) in addition to the fifty-five thousand (\$55,000) already given.

Meeting

July 21, 1869

Records, p. 48

At an adjourned meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Wednesday, July 21, 1869, it was

Voted, To forward the following letter to George Peabody, Esq.:—

DANVERS, July 22, 1869.

Mr. George Peabody,

DEAR SIR:

In compliance with a request made by Francis Peabody, Esq., the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, Danvers, considered the subject of the future appropriation of the income of the gift of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) which you kindly proposed to make on the occasion of the dedication of the Institute building on the 14th inst.

The following vote was passed at a meeting held on the 21st inst., and it is hoped its terms will meet your approbation; if not, it is the desire of the Trustees that such terms as you think may better subserve the interests of the Institution be made by yourself.

Voted, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) be added to the permanent fund of the Institute, and the remainder, twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) be placed in the hands of the Trustees, to be used, principal and interest, as in their judgment the future needs of the institution may require.

CHARLES P. PRESTON, *Clerk*.

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, VA., 31 July, 1869.

GENTLEMEN:

In accordance with my promise on the 14th instant, I hand you enclosed an order on James Tinker, of New York, for \$45,000, to be paid by Mr. Tinker any time after three days' presentation. Mr. Tinker will send you a check for that sum or pay it to any agent you may appoint.

Letter from
George Peabody
Records, p. 49

I am very respectfully and truly

Yours

GEORGE PEABODY.

To the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, Danvers, Mass., and to Milton P. Braman and others of the Finance Committee connected therewith.

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Thursday, August 26, 1869, it was

Meeting
August 26,
1869
Records, p. 50

Voted, That an iron fence be procured provided it can be done at an expense not exceeding \$6,000.

Fence built by Mr. Proctor, of Gloucester.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Monday, September 20, 1869, it was

Meeting
Sept. 20, 1869
Records,
pp. 50-51

Voted, To forward to George Peabody, Esq., the following letter:—

DANVERS, September 20, 1869.

Mr. George Peabody,

DEAR SIR:

Permit us to thank you in behalf of the citizens of Danvers for the renewed proof of your interest in the welfare of the town contained in your favor of July 31st dated at White Sulphur Springs, Va., enclosing an order on James Tinker, of New York, for forty-five thousand dollars, which sum has been duly received by us and will be sacredly devoted to the objects which the "Peabody Institute, Danvers," has been by your great liberality intended to accomplish, "the promotion of knowledge and morality" among our citizens.

With the fervent wish that you may secure renewed health and strength and that many years of life may be yours, we subscribe ourselves,

Most respectfully

and truly yours,

(Signed) BY THE TRUSTEES.

Meeting
November 8,
1869
Records, p. 53

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Monday, November 8, 1869, the death of George Peabody, Esq., in London, on November 4, 1869, was announced.

Meeting
November 12
1869
Records,
pp. 54-55

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Friday, November 12, 1869, the following Resolutions of sympathy and respect on the occasion of the death of Mr. Peabody, drawn up by Mr. Braman, were presented and read by Mr. Francis Peabody, and were adopted:—

Whereas, in the Providence of Almighty God, George Peabody, "the friend of all mankind" and our especial benefactor, has been taken from us, and

Whereas we deeply mourn his loss and desire to express, however imperfectly, our heartfelt sorrow, therefore

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Peabody Institute,

Danvers, offer to Mrs. Daniels and her family connections their expressions of deep sensibility at the bereavement which they have suffered by the death of an illustrious brother and relative whose tender regards for them and early friends no duration of absence or separation of distance ever impaired; the wide philanthropics of whose heart, expressed in so many acts of unparalleled public charity, never diminished the sincerity or ardor of his domestic affections.

Resolved, That they beg leave to suggest the alleviations of this sad event which are derived from his protracted and eminently successful life; the completion of the vast plans of his incomparable bounties; the institutions and endowments which through so many channels are distributing their happy influences and blessing his name; from the gratitude and homage rendered to his memory by an admiring world; and from the fact that Mrs. Daniels and her friends will find in every person whom they meet a heart that will entertain the liveliest participation in the feelings of grief which pervade their own hearts and that of the great public which will ever respond with deep emotions to the sound of the venerated name.

Resolved, That the Trustees would also express their share in the satisfaction which the family friends of Mr. Peabody must feel that his remains are to be transferred to his native land, to repose among his kindred, so near the spot of his nativity, and beneath a sepulchral monument, in such vicinity to those educational monuments which he reared in his birth-place, which equally contribute to bless the living and honor the dead.

Voted, That these Resolutions be entered on the records of the Institute, be published in the paper of the town, and a copy be forwarded to Mrs. Daniels and the friends of Mr. Peabody.

NOTE. At this meeting a letter from Mr. Braman resigning as Trustee was laid on the table.

1870

Meeting
January 22,
1870
Records, p. 57

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Saturday, January 22, 1870, it was

Voted, That a committee of three be chosen to represent the board at Portland on the arrival there of Mr. Peabody's remains from England.

Subsequently two were added to the committee, which consisted of the following gentlemen: Milton P. Braman, Daniel Richards, Joshua Silvester, Francis Peabody, Samuel P. Fowler.

1872

Meeting
April 17, 1872
Records, p. 69

At an adjourned meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Wednesday, April 17, 1872, it was

Voted, That in conformity with the Treasurer's action in reserving the sum of fifteen thousand dollars for future building purposes, said sum to be called THE RESERVE BUILDING FUND, we hereby assign and transmit said sum with all interest thereon accruing especially for that object.

1877

Meeting
April 25, 1877
Records, p. 91

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Wednesday, April 25, 1877, it was

Voted, To thank Mr. Martin L. Ham, of Boston, for barnacle specimen presented by him to the Institute.

Voted, To thank Mr. Daniel Richards, of Danvers, for bust of Captain Joseph Peabody, late of Salem.

1878

Meeting
April 17, 1878
Records, p. 92

At the annual meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Wednesday, April 17, 1878, it was

Voted, That the Treasurer be instructed to foreclose forthwith the mortgage given by H. B. Sargent to the Trustees, of estate in Salem.

NOTE. During the last year the Trustees of this Institute received from the Trustees of the Peabody Education Fund a bronze medal, it being a *facsimile* of the medals presented to deserving students by said Trustees. Records, p. 94

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Friday, June 21, 1878, it was Meeting
June 21, 1878

Voted, That the Treasurer be and hereby is authorized and instructed to take all measures necessary to foreclose the mortgage of H. B. Sargent on estate in Salem, now held by the Trustees, by sale under the power contained therein or otherwise, and to do all acts and give, execute, acknowledge, and deliver in the name and in behalf of the corporation all notices, deeds, and other instruments proper and necessary for that purpose. Records, p. 94

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Wednesday, July 17, 1878, for the purpose of taking action in regard to the sale by the Trustees of the estate in Salem known as "Kernwood," which sale takes place July 18, 1878, the matter was freely discussed as to the duty of the Trustees in regard to the sale, and as a result of said discussion, on motion of I. H. Putnam, it was Meeting
July 17, 1878
Records, p. 95

Voted, That the highest sum that shall be bid by the Trustees for said property be \$22,450.

After further consultation, on motion of I. H. Putnam, it was

Voted, That we reconsider the vote just passed, whereby it was *Voted*, "That the highest sum that shall be bid by the Trustees for said property be \$22,450."

It being necessary that some one or more of our number represent the Trustees at the sale, on motion of E. D. Hines it was

Voted, That Mr. Daniel Richards represent the Trustees at said sale.

On motion of I. W. Andrews it was

Voted, That Mr. I. H. Putnam also represent the Trustees at said sale.

After further consultation as to the instructing the representatives of the Trustees as to the course they should pursue at the sale, as to the highest amount they might bid for the same, etc., it was finally thought best to leave the matter to their discretion, only limiting them as to the lowest amount to allow the same to be sold for, as the following vote shows.

On motion of I. W. Andrews, it was

Voted, That the committee appointed to represent the Trustees at the sale be instructed not to allow the said property to be sold for less than \$20,000.

Meeting
December 11,
1878
Records, p. 96

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Wednesday, December 11, 1878, in relation to sale of Kernwood estate, and after a statement of condition of affairs by the Treasurer and some discussion, it was

Voted, That in case of any interference of the present water pipe crossing land of H. B. Sargent, by said Sargent or mortgagees of land, that the Trustees will provide and lay suitable pipe for the conveyance of water to the Kernwood estate.

1879

Meeting
February 3,
1879
Records, p. 97

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Monday, February 3, 1879, it was

Voted, That the Trustees approve of the recommendation of the Finance Committee, viz., to invest from the proceeds of the Kernwood mortgage \$20,000 in United States four per cent registered bonds, in the name of the Trustees.

Voted, That legal steps be taken looking to the incorporation of the Trustees.

1881

At the annual meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Wednesday, April 20, 1881, it was

Meeting
April 20, 1881
Records, p. 112

Voted, That the committee to whom was referred the matter of incorporation of the Trustees be requested to petition the next Legislature for an Act of Incorporation.

1882

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Tuesday, January 17, 1882, it was

Meeting
January 17,
1882
Records, p. 115

Voted, That we proceed to procure an Act of Incorporation, and that the amount of property to be held by us as a corporation shall not exceed the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000).

Voted, That the President of the board present petition to the Legislature, and do all things necessary to be done to procure said Act of Incorporation.

DANVERS, APRIL 15, 1882

NOTE. Last evening (Friday, April 14, 1882), at about 9.30 o'clock P.M., fire was discovered in the basement of the Institute building. Thanks to the firemen the fire was soon under control. The principal damage done was in the basement. The Library room and hall were filled with smoke. The books were preserved unharmed, with the exception of being well smoked. It is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

Fire
April 15, 1882
Records, p. 115

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Saturday, April 15, 1882, it was

Meeting
April 15, 1882
Records, p. 115

Voted, That a reward of five hundred dollars (\$500) be offered for the detection and conviction of the person or persons who set fire to the Institute building Friday evening, April 14, 1882.

Meeting
April 19, 1882
Records, p. 118

At the annual meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Wednesday, April 19, 1882, it was

Voted, That the report of the Treasurer be accepted and adopted.

Voted, That the sum of fifteen hundred and one dollars and thirty-three cents (\$1,501.33) be transferred from the Reserve Fund to the Library Fund.

MEMO. The amount voted to transfer, at the last annual meeting, viz., the sum of twelve hundred eighty-one dollars and forty-three cents (\$1,281.43) was not transferred. Hence this Vote.

Voted, That the report of the Treasurer in relation to the permanent funds in his hands be accepted and adopted.

Meeting
May 10, 1882
Records, p. 122

At an adjournment of the annual meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Wednesday, May 10, 1882, the Committee on securing an Act of Incorporation of the Board of Trustees reported the act procured, and their report was accepted, and it was

Voted, That the Act of Incorporation be printed in the annual report of the Trustees, and that the same be put upon our records.

Voted, That a committee of three be chosen to revise the Rules and Regulations of the board, and that all amendments proposed be referred to them.

COPY OF
AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE PEABODY INSTITUTE
OF DANVERS

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Samuel P. Fowler, Daniel Richards, Joshua Silvester, Francis Peabody, and their associates, Trustees of the Peabody Institute of Danvers, and their successors in office,

are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Peabody Institute of Danvers, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, liabilities, and restrictions set forth in the general laws relating to similar corporations: *provided, however,* that it shall not be necessary for said corporation to organize in the method, or to give the notice, and hold the first meeting prescribed by statute; but the present Trustees of the Peabody Institute, and their successors to be chosen by the legal voters of the Town of Danvers in the manner heretofore prescribed and used, shall constitute and be said corporation, and shall proceed to act and to fulfill their duties under their present organization, and according to such rules and regulations as now exist, or may be hereafter legally established.

SECTION 2. Said corporation shall hold all the funds of said Peabody Institute, including their lands and buildings, stocks, bonds and other securities, and such other real and personal estate as may accrue to or for the benefit of said Institute by gift, grant, or otherwise, for the purposes declared and upon the conditions imposed by George Peabody, the founder of said Institute, and shall apply the same in the way and manner indicated by him, and as accepted and determined by the Town of Danvers at a town meeting held on the twenty-eighth day of June in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-two, or as may have been since or may hereafter be prescribed by the Town of Danvers, so far as the same may be in accordance with the expressed views of said founder, and for no other purpose whatever; *provided, however,* that the whole amount of the aforesaid funds, together with such real and personal estate as may be added thereto, shall not exceed three hundred thousand dollars.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved, March 16, 1882.

[Acts and Resolves of Massachusetts, 1882.
Chap. 86, page 66.]

Meeting
May 17, 1882
Records, p. 127

At an adjourned meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Wednesday, May 17, 1882, the President called the attention of the board to the bond given by the Treasurer, and to the fact of the surety on the same having deceased some time since. After consideration of the subject the following vote was passed:—

Voted, That the President of this Board, after due inquiry, if it appears that the bond of the Treasurer is not valid, make the same known to the Treasurer, and secure from him a proper bond.

Meeting
May 24, 1882
Records, p. 127

At an adjourned meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Wednesday, May 24, 1882, a verbal report was made by the President in relation to the bond of the Treasurer.

At this meeting a bond signed by the Treasurer, Francis Peabody, as principal, and S. E. Peabody as surety, dated July 12, 1882, in the sum of \$15,000, payable to the Trustees of the Peabody Institute of Danvers, was presented to the Trustees. The bond was as follows:—

TREASURER'S BOND

Records, p. 145

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, Francis Peabody, of Danvers, in the County of Essex, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as principal, and S. Endicott Peabody, of Salem, in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as surety, stand firmly bound to the Trustees of the Peabody Institute in said Danvers, in the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, to the payment well and truly to be made to the said Trustees, their successors and assigns. We bind ourselves, our respective heirs, executors and administrators, each and every of us, jointly, severally and firmly by these presents.

Witness our hands and seals this twelfth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two.

The conditions of the above written obligation are such that, whereas the above named Francis Peabody was elected

Treasurer of said Peabody Institute in Danvers on the 19th of April, 1882, and, as such Treasurer, accepted said Trust, and has undertaken to perform such duties as are required by the Rules and By-Laws of said Institute, if the above named Francis Peabody shall well and faithfully discharge and fulfill all and singular the duties of the Treasurer of said Institute in the Town of Danvers from time to time and at all times during the term in which he shall hold said office of Treasurer, safely depositing, investing and keeping, under the direction of the aforesaid Trustees, all funds, money, and property which may be committed to his hands as Treasurer aforesaid and making such disbursements of said property as his office of Treasurer shall require, then the above obligation to be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

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| Witness | J. W. FIELD | FRANCIS PEABODY | [SEAL] |
| Witness | J. W. FIELD | S. E. PEABODY | [SEAL] |

[Original bond cannot be found. This is copied from minutes of Trustees' meetings, page 145.]

1883

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Friday, February 23, 1883, the new Rules and Regulations were accepted and adopted.

Meeting
February 23,
1883

Rules and Regulations as amended, Records, pages 132-135, inclusive.

Records, p. 132

Rules and Regulations as they stand since amendments, Records, pages 136-144, inclusive.

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Saturday, October 27, 1883, Mr. L. A. Mudge having presented to the board two dated letters which he stated were received from a past President, Milton P. Braman, from our benefactor, George Peabody, touching the presentation of the picture of Mr. Peabody to the Trustees, it was

Meeting
October 27,
1883
Records, p. 149

Voted, To accept and place on file.

1884

Meeting
April 16, 1884
Records, p. 151

At the annual meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Wednesday, April 16, 1884, it was

Voted, To change the By-Laws in relation to the date of the annual meeting from the first Monday in January to the third Wednesday in April.

Voted, That the gain on the Massachusetts Coast Defence Bonds, which matured and were paid July 1, 1883, and which amounted to \$51.75, be added to the Library Fund and be considered a part thereof.

Voted, To transfer from Reserve to Library Fund the sum of \$319.20.

Voted, To invest twenty-five hundred dollars for the benefit of the Reserve Fund, the above vote to be held in abeyance to await the action of the following committee.

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed to inquire into the quality and price of opera chairs. The committee is as follows: William T. Damon, I. H. Putnam, and J. P. Gardner.

Voted, That the change to Suspense Accounts by the Treasurer of the premiums on the Danvers Water Loan and the Northern Pacific R. R. bonds is hereby authorized, said accounts to be credited from the income, with an annual sinking fund sufficient at maturity to balance them. Amount, \$63.

Voted, That the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to sell and transfer two bonds of ten thousand dollars each, 4 per cent consols of the United States government, numbered 15,012 and 15,013, due 1907, authorized by act of Congress July 14, 1870, and now registered in the name of the Trustees of Peabody Institute of Danvers, Mass.

Voted, That the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to sell and transfer two bonds of one thousand dollars each,

4 per cent consols of the United States government, numbered 103,252 and 103,253, due 1907, authorized by act of Congress July 14, 1870, and now registered in the name of the Trustees of Peabody Institute, Danvers, Mass.

1885

At an adjourned meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Wednesday, April 22, 1885, the report of the Treasurer was read and accepted, and it was

Meeting
April 22, 1885
Records, p. 156

Voted, To transfer \$259.55 from the Reserve to the Library Fund.

Voted, To appropriate the sum of \$23.65, the amount expended by the Lyceum Committee in excess of the annual appropriation.

Voted, To appropriate \$27.35, the same being the amount expended by the Committee [Committee on Buildings] in excess of the annual appropriation.

Whereas at the last annual meeting, held April 16, 1884, it was *Voted*, To authorize the Treasurer to dispose of two U. S. bonds, \$10,000 each, for the purpose of changing investment, the Treasurer, by the advice and consent of the Finance Committee, withheld said bonds from the market until November 22, 1884, it is

Resolved, That the action of the Treasurer meets with the approval of the Board of Trustees.

1886

At the annual meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Wednesday, April 21, 1886, it was

Meeting
April 21, 1886
Records, p. 159

Voted, To request the Finance Committee and Treasurer to carry out the vote passed at the annual meeting, April 16, 1884, in relation to a change of investment of the Medal Fund whenever in their judgment the opportunity is given for a better investment.

1890

Meeting
April 16, 1890
Records, p. 172

At the annual meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Wednesday, April 16, 1890, it was

Voted, To thank Clara P. De Bois for portrait of Samuel P. Fowler.

Meeting
July 3, 1890
Records, p. 174

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Thursday, July 3, 1890, called on account of the destruction of Peabody Institute by fire at noon, July 2, 1890, it was

Voted, That I. H. Putnam, I. W. Andrews, A. P. White constitute a committee to secure temporary accommodation for the Library and to close arrangements if in their judgment they think proper.

Voted, That when we adjourn it be to meet at 6.30 o'clock P.M., July 7.

Meeting
July 7, 1890
Records, p. 175

At an adjourned meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Monday, July 7, 1890, the Trustees met according to adjournment at 6.30 o'clock P.M.

The committee having secured quarters for the Library and having reported in favor of renting rooms in the Porter Building, corner of Elm and Essex Streets, at a rental of \$225 per year, it was

Voted, To adopt the report of the committee.

Voted, That I. H. Putnam be a committee to superintend the sorting and removal of the books to the new quarters, with power to hire necessary assistance.

Meeting
August 29,
1890
Records, p. 177

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Friday, August 29, 1890, the following report was made by the Treasurer, Francis Peabody, appointed at a special meeting, July 8, 1890, to act with full powers upon all matters pertaining to adjustment of insurance owing to fire.

BOSTON, August 23, 1890.

FRANCIS PEABODY, ESQ.

DEAR SIR: In explanation of the figures we have made as to the loss on Peabody Institute, and contents, we will say that outside of the loss on building, which was fixed by appraisal of two disinterested and competent builders, we have endeavored to show as much liberality as we could without doing injustice to the companies we were appointed to represent.

The figures upon the chairs are those given us by the Andrews Mfg. Co. of New York, successors to Baker, Pratt & Co., who furnished the chairs that were destroyed by the fire; and these figures represent the cost of new chairs set up in the building, without any depreciation for the six years' use.

The allowance of \$1,700 for the next item, being for 1,872 books, is in reality an advance of \$200 over the figures given us by the expert to whom we submitted the list, and in this case, as in the others, we have not made any allowance for difference between old and new, although we might have reasonably done so.

The allowance for binding in subsequent items we have made on the basis given us by your librarian, Miss Davis, and the same is true in regard to the price paid for catalogues, sheets, etc., except that we have allowed \$75 for damage to furniture, although the Trustees informed us that only one chair was lost.

It is possible that after the matter is settled you may find that something has been overlooked by you, and it is to cover that possible omission that we have made the figures as we have, rather than to cut them down to the lowest possible point.

With reference to the building award, we would say that one appraiser, Mr. Sweetland, states that he would willingly replace the same at the figures awarded. Their award included an equitable allowance for the painting that had been recently done.

Trusting that this will be satisfactory to you and your associates, we remain

Sincerely yours,

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT.

Meeting
December 10,
1890
Records, p. 181

A special meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute was held Wednesday, December 10, 1890.

In view of the fact that I. H. Putnam, Rev. E. C. Ewing, and Miss Emilie K. Davis spent a great deal of time in the moving, rearranging, and classifying of the books in the Library, it was moved by I. W. Andrews and seconded by Francis Peabody that they be requested to present bills for services. The motion was unanimously adopted.

On motion of I. W. Andrews and J. F. Porter it was

Voted, To be the sense of this board that the expense of erecting a new Institute building should not exceed the sum of \$25,000.

On motion of L. A. Mudge it was

Voted, That the preference of this board is for a one-story building.

Meeting
December 30,
1890
Records, p. 183

An adjourned meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute was held Tuesday, December 30, 1890.

The board considered plans for a new Institute building, as presented by Little, Browne & Moore, of Boston, and Davidson, of Lynn, and it was

Voted, To lay the requests of several patrons, who asked that the Trustees' room be used for a reference room, on the table.

A motion by Mr. Woodman to engage Little, Browne & Moore as architects was amended by a motion substituted, That a committee of three be appointed to confer with said firm, for the purpose of examining into the work on public buildings which they had done.

The amendment was adopted and the following committee was appointed: J. P. Gardner, A. P. White, J. W. Woodman.

1891

A special meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute was held Wednesday, January 14, 1891.

On motion of I. W. Andrews, seconded by W. T. Damon, it was

Meeting
January 14,
1891
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Voted, That the Committee on Building be instructed to appear before the Road Commissioners of the Town of Danvers to represent the unanimous desire of this board for the removal of such trees on Sylvan Street adjacent to the Institute grounds as are neither useful nor ornamental, but injurious.

On motion of J. P. Gardner, seconded by J. F. Porter, it was

Voted, That the Trustees engage Little, Browne & Moore to furnish plans and specifications for new Institute building, with the understanding that if they furnish such as are acceptable in style and price they shall be engaged as architects therefor at regular commission; and if they fail to give such satisfaction to the Trustees, the board shall have full authority to discharge said Little, Browne & Moore by paying \$75.

Voted, That Mr. Porter present above proposition to Mr. Couch, agent for Little, Browne & Moore.

A special meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute was held Monday, September 28, 1891.

The Committee heretofore appointed to obtain plans and specifications for a new Institute building reported new estimates based on a revision of the architects' specifications, which estimates amount to \$28,644; and after hearing and considering the above report, upon motion of J. W. Woodman it was

Voted, That the plans and specifications as presented in their final draft by architects Little, Browne & Moore, of Bos-

Meeting
September 28,
1891
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ton, be accepted and adopted, and that the Building Committee hereafter determined proceed to enter into a contract for the erection of a new Institute building, in accordance with said plans and specifications, with J. T. Wilson, contractors, of Nahant, Mass., at a total cost not to exceed \$28,644.

Voted, That Calvin Putnam, J. Frank Porter, and J. W. Woodman be the Building Committee contemplated by the preceding vote, and that they are hereby authorized to execute in the name of the Trustees a contract for the immediate erection of an Institute building and all other instruments and obligations which may be necessary in carrying out the foregoing vote; and that the Treasurer be authorized and empowered to furnish said Building Committee with funds to the extent of the above amount of \$28,644, in such sums and at such times as they may by their warrant, signed by all of said Committee, require.

1892

Meeting
April 20, 1892
Records, p. 197

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Wednesday, April 20, 1892, a report was made by the Building Committee, which was as follows:—

That they have carried out to the best of their ability the instructions given them by the Trustees in their vote authorizing them to make contracts for a new Library building.

The architect and contractor have done all in their power to fulfill their obligations to us, and at this time there are no extra charges brought about by changes in original contract. The building is nearly plastered, and we are now planning for a second coat of paint on exterior, which will be put on early in May. We can see no reason why the building will not be completed before the expiration of the term of contract and the necessary moving and furnishing be done so as to be ready for dedication by September 1.

Some action should be taken toward chairs and other furniture, drop curtain and scenery for stage, putting present stage

furniture in proper condition, purchasing piano, and various other things that will be needed in new building; and we would recommend that a committee or committees be appointed to have all these things in readiness at the time of completion.

CALVIN PUTNAM,
J. W. WOODMAN,
J. F. PORTER.

The following committee were appointed as per above suggestion: A. P. White, J. F. Porter, J. P. Gardner, Calvin Putnam, J. W. Woodman.

A special meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute was held Wednesday, September 28, 1892, at which the Rules and Regulations as amended by Library Committee were presented by George A. Peabody and action was taken.

Meeting
September 28,
1892
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DEDICATION OF THE INSTITUTE

On Wednesday, October 19, 1892, the dedication of the new Peabody Institute building took place.

Dedication
October 19,
1892
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Trustees present: *President*, I. H. Putnam; *Treasurer*, Francis Peabody; *Clerk*, J. P. Gardner; Israel W. Andrews, G. Augustus Peabody, Calvin Putnam, J. Frank Porter, A. Perley White, Joseph W. Woodman.

The following Order of Exercises as arranged by the Committee on Dedication was carried out in full:—

Order of Exercises

Wednesday afternoon, October 19, 1892

At 2 o'clock

MUSIC—"Song of Peace"

Sullivan

DANVERS CHORAL SOCIETY

REPORT

BUILDING COMMITTEE, J. Frank Porter

RESPONSE

BY THE PRESIDENT, Israel H. Putnam

PRAYER

REV. CHARLES B. RICE

MUSIC—"Chorus of Pilgrims"

Verdi

DANVERS CHORAL SOCIETY

ORATION

HON. A. PERLEY WHITE

MUSIC—"To Thee, O Country"

Eichberg

DANVERS CHORAL SOCIETY

REMARKS

BY INVITED GUESTS

Hon. Mellen Chamberlain, Boston

Rev. Alfred A. Putnam, D.D., of Concord

"America"

BY THE AUDIENCE

The following is the report of the Building Committee as presented and read by J. Frank Porter:—

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE, AS PRESENTED BY
J. FRANK PORTER, CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE

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The former Institute building was destroyed by fire July 2, 1890. By the vigilance of the fire department and the assistance of scores of citizens on the way to their noonday meal, nearly 11,000 books of the 13,000 were saved in a fairly good condition, and with the exception of the assembly chairs and piano nearly all the articles of value that the building contained.

To Mr. John F. Putnam alone is credit due for saving the valuable portrait of Mr. Peabody which now hangs in the reading room below.

The work of securing proper accommodations for the Library and its removal, the settlement of the insurance and many other details consequent to the fire, were attended to as speedily as possible, when the attention of the Trustees was turned to the question of rebuilding.

Whether to build at once or at some future time, of what material and style to build, how much money to expend with due regard to economy, and many other questions were carefully considered.

Of many building plans submitted for inspection, those furnished by Little, Browne & Moore, of Boston, were considered most desirable and were accepted. On September 28, 1891, by the unanimous vote of the Trustees, the sum of \$28,644 was appropriated for building, and Messrs. Calvin Putnam, J. W. Woodman, and J. F. Porter chosen the Building Committee, the contract being signed with the lowest bidder, Mr. J. T. Wilson, of Nahant, on October 13, 1891.

The amount received for insurance was:—

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|-----------------|-------------|
| On building | \$17,744.00 |
| Assembly chairs | 2,137.50 |
| Furniture | 75.00 |
| Books | 3,166.05 |
| Piano | 500.00 |
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| | \$23,622.55 |

The following figures show the result of the Committee's work:—

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| Paid Mr. J. T. Wilson, including all labor and material for the completing of cellar and building, heating arrangement, ventilating, piping, bookcases, reserving only the painting and decorating | \$26,767.08 |
| Architects' commission | 1,424.47 |
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| | \$28,191.55 |
| Painting and decorating | 1,376.47 |
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| | \$29,568.02 |

The Furnishing Committee, consisting of the Building Committee with the addition of Mr. J. P. Gardner and Mr. A. P. White, have expended:

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|---|----------|
| Piano | \$600.00 |
| Gas fixtures | 338.75 |
| Insurance | 239.77 |
| Assembly chairs | 2,224.05 |
| Scenery and drop curtain | 468.00 |
| Furniture, window shades, cocoa matting, etc. | 284.14 |
| Special appropriation | 200.00 |
| Incidentals | 109.51 |

Making a total cost for building and furnishing \$34,032.24

While we feel that all who have taken part in the construction of the building deserve great credit, we think that especial mention should be made of the able manner in which Mr. L. S. Couch has superintended its construction, and for the excellent arrangement of the Library rooms.

Also of Mr. J. T. Wilson for his faithfulness in fulfillment of contract, and especially of his superintendent, Mr. Albert Wilson, whose courtesy to the Committee has been greatly appreciated.

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Mr. President of the Trustees: I understand that our duties as a Building Committee are ended. The responsibility of erecting a public building that will meet the wants and the approval of the public is very great, and we have fully realized the importance of the trust, always endeavoring to keep foremost in mind the future interests of our townspeople.

It becomes my duty at this time, in behalf of the Building Committee, to place in your custody these keys, trusting that the duties we have performed may meet your approval and the approval of all whom we represent.

The only wish we desire to express at this time is that this building, devoted to educational interests, a generous gift from one of our nation's greatest benefactors, may long stand a fitting memorial of him who gave it.

J. FRANK PORTER,

Chairman of Committee.

The oration by Hon. A. P. White was listened to with marked attention by the large audience present, and at the conclusion of his address the gentleman was the recipient of well-deserved applause for his masterly presentation of the life work of our benefactor, George Peabody.

1895

A meeting was held at the Peabody Institute, Danvers, Monday, February 18, 1895, in accordance with the arrangements of the committee chosen to arrange some suitable recognition of the one hundredth anniversary of Mr. George Peabody's birth. Nearly one thousand school children and a few adults gathered in the Peabody Institute on the afternoon of February 18.

Celebration

February 18,

1895

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A portrait of Mr. Peabody was shown upon the platform.

Hon. I. W. Andrews presided as Chairman, and the meeting was called to order at 3.30 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by Mr. A. P. Learoyd.

After speaking briefly of the object of the meeting, the Chairman called upon Mrs. A. W. Beckford, who sang an appropriate selection, with piano accompaniment by Miss Alice Newhall.

Ezra D. Hines spoke on the topic, "What did George Peabody do for which his name is honored?" Mr. Hines referred to his childhood recollections of Mr. Peabody. He summarized his life from his birth, through his school days, in business departments, and related what he did with his great fortune. He was his own executor and gave his money while

he lived. He enumerated the various gifts of the renowned benefactor, patriotic, philanthropic, educational and otherwise, dwelling on his gifts to the Town of Danvers, the Library, Institute building, and the fund for its maintenance. He emphasized the excellent traits of Mr. Peabody's character, paying him the great tribute he so much deserved. He referred to his simplicity and modesty, and especially to his loyalty to the good old Town of Danvers.

The pupils of Mr. H. E. Wentworth's school in Tapleville and Mr. E. C. Burbeck's school at the Plains sang excellent selections.

Charles A. Peale played a piccolo solo, with accompaniment by Miss Grace Alley.

Mr. A. P. Learoyd of the school board gave some anecdotes and reminiscences. His subject was, "Money and Mammon." Mr. Peabody spent all his life in getting money, yet he got none for himself. He gave his wealth to others. He was a wonderful philanthropist. He dwelt at length on the generosity of Mr. Peabody. He was born amid poor surroundings and conditions, and yet developed into a great man.

Mr. Andrews introduced some personal reminiscences of Mr. Peabody, told of his gifts to Danvers, of his beneficence and goodness in general, of his gifts to the schools to stimulate education, and quoted Mr. Peabody's famous epigram, "Education, a debt due from present to future generations."

The exercises closed with the singing of "America," Miss Mabel Aiken, accompanist.

Meeting
April 17, 1895
Records, p. 216

At the annual meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Wednesday, April 17, 1895, it was

Voted, That Francis Peabody, Treasurer of Peabody Institute of Danvers, be and is hereby empowered to transfer six four and one-half per cent Trust Bonds of the Union Pacific Railway (Denver, Leadville, and Gunnison), due November 1,

1918, numbered 1,795, 1,796, 1,797, 1,798, 1,799, and 1,800, registered in the name of the Peabody Institute of Danvers, and his signature shall be as binding as the signature of a majority or of all the Trustees of said Peabody Institute of Danvers.

1896

At the annual meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Wednesday, April 15, 1896, it was reported that the town, at its annual meeting, held March 11, 1896, had appropriated the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600) for the use of the Library by the following vote:—

Meeting
April 15, 1896
Records, p. 218

Voted, That six hundred dollars (\$600) be appropriated, the same to be paid to the Treasurer of the Peabody Institute Trustees, the same sum to be expended under the direction of the said Trustees in any way which may seem best for the public interest.

In accordance with above, it was

Voted, by the Trustees, That a committee of three, consisting of G. A. Peabody, W. P. Hood, and J. F. Porter, be appointed to take into consideration the best manner of distribution of the above mentioned fund and report at an adjourned meeting to be held in one week, on Wednesday, April 22, at 5 o'clock.

At an adjourned meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Wednesday, April 22, 1896, the committee appointed to consider the best manner of distribution of the money appropriated by the town for library purposes reported as follows, and the report was accepted:—

Meeting
April 22, 1896
Records, p. 220

Your committee are of the opinion that the apportionment of the expenditure of the \$600 appropriated by the town for the purpose of the Library during the present year be as follows:—

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| To the Librarian | \$150.00 |
| To the Assistant Librarian | 50.00 |
| To the other assistants | 50.00 |
| To the Janitor | 50.00 |
| For heating and lighting | 150.00 |
| For books and magazines or for any other purpose in the discretion of the Library Committee | 150.00 |
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| | \$600.00 |

Meeting
June 27, 1896
Records, p. 222

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Saturday, June 27, 1896, it was

Voted, That the Treasurer be authorized to deposit for conversion on the basis set forth on page 12 of the plan and agreement of reorganization of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, the bond No. 1,899 for \$5,000 of the first mortgage 6's, Northern Pacific Railroad Company, now registered in the name of the Peabody Institute of Danvers.

1897

Meeting
April 21, 1897
Records, p. 225

At the annual meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Wednesday, April 21, 1897, the town appropriation of \$600 was apportioned as follows:—

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| Librarian | \$150.00 |
| Assistant Librarian | 50.00 |
| Other assistants | 50.00 |
| Janitor | 50.00 |
| Heating and lighting | 150.00 |
| Books, magazines, etc. | 150.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$600.00 |

1898

At an adjourned meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Friday, April 29, 1898, the following votes passed at a town meeting held Wednesday, April 13, 1898, were reported to the Trustees:—

Meeting
April 29, 1898
Records, p. 229

Voted, To appropriate a sum of six hundred dollars in support and management of the Library, and on motion of Mr. J. P. Gardner it was

Voted, That the Trustees be instructed to expend as much of the sum as was necessary for the purpose of establishing delivery stations, and on motion of D. N. Crowley it was

Voted, To ask the Trustees to keep the Library open for the delivery of books until 9 o'clock P.M.

A long discussion was held on the requirements of the above vote of the town, and the matter was referred to the Library Committee for investigation, they to report at an adjourned meeting of the Trustees, to be held Friday, May 13, at 4 o'clock P.M.

At a second adjourned meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Friday, May 13, 1898, the six hundred dollars appropriated by the town was apportioned as follows:—

Meeting
May 13, 1898
Records, p. 230

| | |
|----------------------|----------|
| Librarian | \$100.00 |
| Assistant Librarian | 50.00 |
| Other assistants | 50.00 |
| Janitor | 50.00 |
| Heating and lighting | 125.00 |
| Books and magazines | 100.00 |
| Outlying stations | 125.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$600.00 |

1899

Meeting
April 19, 1899
Records, p. 232

At the annual meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Wednesday, April 19, 1899, the town appropriation of \$500 was apportioned as follows:—

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|--|----------|
| Librarian | \$100.00 |
| Assistant Librarian | 50.00 |
| Assistants | 50.00 |
| Janitor | 50.00 |
| Heating and lighting | 125.00 |
| Library Committee, to be used as they see fit | 125.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$500.00 |

1900

Meeting
April 26, 1900
Records, p. 235

At the annual meeting, adjourned to Thursday, April 26, 1900, of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, the town appropriation of \$500 was apportioned as follows:—

| | |
|--|----------|
| Librarian | \$100.00 |
| Assistant Librarian | 50.00 |
| Assistants | 50.00 |
| Janitor | 50.00 |
| Heating and lighting | 125.00 |
| Library Committee, to be used as they see fit | 125.00 |
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| | \$500.00 |

1901

Meeting
April 17, 1901
Records, p. 239

At the annual meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Wednesday, April 17, 1901, the town appropriation of \$500 was apportioned as follows:—

| | |
|--|----------|
| Librarian | \$100.00 |
| Assistant Librarian | 50.00 |
| Assistants | 50.00 |
| Janitor | 50.00 |
| Heating and lighting | 125.00 |
| Library Committee, to be used as they see fit | 125.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$500.00 |

1902

At the annual meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Wednesday, April 16, 1902, the town appropriation of \$500 was apportioned as follows:—

Meeting
April 16, 1902
Records, p. 242

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Librarian | \$100.00 |
| Assistant Librarian | 50.00 |
| Assistants | 50.00 |
| Janitor | 50.00 |
| Heating and lighting | 125.00 |
| Library Committee, general use | 125.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$500.00 |

1903

At the annual meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Wednesday, April 15, 1903, the town appropriation of \$550 was apportioned as follows:—

Meeting
April 15, 1903
Records, p. 245

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Librarian | \$100.00 |
| Assistant Librarian | 50.00 |
| Assistants | 50.00 |
| Janitor | 50.00 |
| Heating and lighting | 125.00 |
| Library Committee, general use | 175.00 |
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| | \$550.00 |

Meeting
September 15,
1903
Records, p. 247

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Tuesday, September 15, 1903, it was

Voted, That the Treasurer, Mr. Francis Peabody, is hereby authorized to transfer and assign Bond No. 3,361 of the Chicago and Western Indiana R. R. Co., dated December 1, 1882, in consequence of said bond having been called in to be redeemed by the operation of the sinking fund on September 1, 1903, at \$105 and accrued interest as per circular of August 14, 1903, issued at New York by Charles H. Russell, surviving Trustee.

1904

Meeting
April 20, 1904
Records, p. 248

At the annual meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Wednesday, April 20, 1904, the town appropriation of \$500 was apportioned as follows:—

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Librarian | \$100.00 |
| Assistant Librarian | 50.00 |
| Assistants | 50.00 |
| Janitor | 50.00 |
| Heating and lighting | 125.00 |
| Library Committee, general use | 125.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$500.00 |

1905

Meeting
April 26, 1905
Records, p. 251

At the annual meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Wednesday, April 26, 1905, the town appropriation of \$550 was apportioned as follows:—

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Librarian | \$100.00 |
| Assistant Librarian | 50.00 |
| Assistants | 50.00 |
| Janitor | 50.00 |
| Heating and lighting | 125.00 |
| Library Committee, general use | 175.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$550.00 |

1906

At the annual meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Wednesday, April 18, 1906, the town appropriation of \$1,000 was apportioned as follows:—

Meeting
April 18, 1906
Records, p. 254

| | |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Librarian | \$100.00 |
| Assistant Librarian | 50.00 |
| Assistants | 125.00 |
| Janitor | 50.00 |
| Heating and lighting | 125.00 |
| General uses | 125.00 |
| Printing catalogue | 100.00 |
| School books | 100.00 |
| Reference books and Catalogue Fund | 200.00 |
| Express | 25.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,000.00 |

On motion it was

Voted, That the amount of insurance be increased to \$40,000 on building and \$10,000 on the books.

1907

At the annual meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Wednesday, April 17, 1907, the town appropriation of \$800 was apportioned as follows:—

Meeting
April 17, 1907
Records, p. 257

| | |
|---|----------|
| Librarian | \$100.00 |
| Assistant Librarian | 50.00 |
| Assistants | 150.00 |
| Janitor | 100.00 |
| Heating and lighting | 125.00 |
| General use of Library Committee, including school books, etc. | 275.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$800.00 |

1908

Meeting
April 15, 1908
Records, p. 259

At the annual meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Wednesday, April 15, 1908, the town appropriation of \$800 was apportioned as follows:—

| | |
|---|----------|
| Librarian | \$100.00 |
| Assistant Librarian | 50.00 |
| Assistants | 150.00 |
| Janitor | 100.00 |
| Heating and lighting | 125.00 |
| General uses, including school books, etc. | 275.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$800.00 |

1909

Meeting
April 21, 1909
Records, p. 263

At the annual meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Wednesday, April 21, 1909, the town appropriation of \$800 was apportioned as follows:—

| | |
|--|----------|
| Librarian | \$100.00 |
| Assistant Librarian | 50.00 |
| Assistants | 150.00 |
| Janitor | 100.00 |
| Heating and lighting | 125.00 |
| General uses of the Library Committee, including school books | 275.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$800.00 |

1910

Meeting
April 20, 1910
Records, p. 265

At the annual meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Wednesday, April 20, 1910, the town appropriation of \$800 was apportioned as follows:—

| | |
|--|----------|
| Librarian | \$100.00 |
| Assistant Librarian | 50.00 |
| Assistants | 150.00 |
| Janitor | 200.00 |
| Heating and lighting | 125.00 |
| General uses of the Library Committee, including school books | 175.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$800.00 |

1911

At the adjourned annual meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held on Saturday, April 22, 1911, the town appropriation of \$800 was apportioned as follows:—

Meeting
April 22, 1911
Records, p. 266

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Librarian | \$100.00 |
| Assistant | 50.00 |
| Assistants | 150.00 |
| Janitor | 200.00 |
| Heat and light | 125.00 |
| General uses of Library | 175.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$800.00 |

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Thursday, May 5, 1910, called to fill the vacancy in the office of Treasurer, caused by the death of Francis Peabody, Esq., the last of the Trustees appointed by George Peabody, Esq., of London, William C. Endicott, was unanimously elected Treasurer.

Meeting
May 5, 1910
Records, p. 267

On motion of Herbert S. Tapley, a committee of three, consisting of G. A. Peabody, President of the Board, William C. Endicott, and Charles H. Preston, were appointed a committee to draw up Resolutions in regard to the death of the late Treasurer, Francis Peabody—the same to be sent to the family and spread upon the records.

William C. Endicott resigned as a member of the Finance Committee, and George O. Stimpson was elected to fill the vacancy thus caused.

The Finance Committee accordingly now consists of Gilbert A. Tapley, Herbert A. Tapley, and George O. Stimpson.

Meeting
October 17,
1910

Records, p. 269

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Thursday, October 17, 1910, it was

Voted, To release the estates of Francis Peabody (at that time Junior), of Danvers, and Francis Peabody, of Salem, also Francis Peabody, of Danvers, and S. Endicott Peabody, of Salem, from all liability on their bonds, and to authorize the President and Treasurer to execute such a release.

The releases are as follows:—

Whereas, on the fifth day of January, 1867, Francis Peabody, late of Danvers, in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, deceased, as principal, and Francis Peabody, late of Salem in said County, deceased, as surety, did execute a bond to the Trustees of the Peabody Institute in Danvers in the sum of fifteen thousand (15,000) dollars, the condition of which bond was that said Francis Peabody, having been elected Treasurer of said Peabody Institute in Danvers, and having accepted said trust, should well and faithfully discharge and fulfill all and singular the duties of the Treasurer of said Peabody Institute in Danvers during the term for which he should hold said office of Treasurer; and

Whereas said Francis Peabody, of Danvers, has now deceased, having faithfully fulfilled the conditions of said bond, and all the property belonging to said Peabody Institute in said Danvers has been paid over by the Executrix of the will of said Francis Peabody, of Danvers, to said Peabody Institute in Danvers, but the original bond has been mislaid or lost;

Now, therefore, the said Peabody Institute in Danvers, in consideration of the premises, doth hereby acknowledge that the conditions of said bond have been fully complied with, and doth hereby release the estate of said Francis Peabody, of Danvers, and also the estate of said Francis Peabody, of Salem, who has also now deceased, from all claims and obligations under said bond.

In Witness Whereof said Peabody Institute in Danvers has caused this instrument to be executed in its name and behalf by its President and Treasurer, and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed by its Treasurer, this seventeenth day of October, 1910.

(Signed) GEORGE AUGUSTUS PEABODY, *President*

WILLIAM C. ENDICOTT, *Treasurer*

WHEREAS, on the twelfth day of July, 1882, Francis Peabody, late of Danvers, in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, deceased, as principal, and S. Endicott Peabody, late of Salem, in said County, deceased, as surety, did execute a bond to the Trustees of the Peabody Institute in Danvers in the sum of fifteen thousand (15,000) dollars, the condition of which bond was that said Francis Peabody, having been elected Treasurer of said Peabody Institute in Danvers, and having accepted said trust, should well and faithfully discharge and fulfill all and singular the duties of the Treasurer of said Peabody Institute in Danvers during the term for which he should hold said office of Treasurer; and

Whereas said Francis Peabody has now deceased, having faithfully fulfilled the conditions of said bond, and all the property belonging to said Peabody Institute in said Danvers has been paid over by the Executrix of the will of said Francis Peabody to said Peabody Institute in Danvers, but the original bond has been mislaid or lost;

Now, therefore, said Peabody Institute in Danvers, in consideration of the premises, doth hereby acknowledge that the conditions of said bond have been fully complied with, and doth hereby release the estate of said Francis Peabody, and also the estate of said S. Endicott Peabody, who has also now deceased, from all claims and obligations under said bond.

In Witness Whereof said Peabody Institute in Danvers has caused this instrument to be executed in its name and behalf by its President and Treasurer, and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed by its Treasurer, this seventeenth day of October, 1910.

(Signed) GEORGE AUGUSTUS PEABODY, *President*
 WILLIAM C. ENDICOTT, *Treasurer*

NOTE. Mr. William C. Endicott, the present Treasurer, has obtained a Guaranty Bond of the Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company (No. F 11,924) in the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), payable to the "Peabody Institute of Danvers, Incorporated, Danvers, Mass." The bond has been continued until May 5, 1912. The premium, which is paid by the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, amounts in each year to \$37.50.

At this same meeting it was

Voted, That the Premium Account outstanding of \$412.24 heretofore on books be canceled.

Voted, That after April 1, 1910, the Building Fund shall stand on the books of the said Peabody Institute as amounting in value to \$34,218.49, represented by the present Institute building, the books, furniture, and other fixtures contained therein.

Voted, That after April 1, 1910, the Holten High School Medal Fund shall stand on the books of the said Peabody Institute as amounting in value to \$2,588.75, and that said

\$2,588.75 shall consist of the following securities and cash uninvested:—

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| 1,000 Atch., Top. & Santa Fé Ry. Co. 100 Yr. Adj. 4s, 1995 | \$495.83 |
| 2,000 Terminal R. R. Assoc. of St. Louis Gen. Mtge. Ref. Sink. Fund Gold 4s, 1953 | 2,000.00 |
| Cash uninvested | 92.92 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2,588.75 |

Voted, That the Treasurer be authorized to deposit the sum of \$92.92 in cash in the Danvers Savings Bank, Danvers, Mass., in the name of "the Peabody Institute of Danvers, Mass., Incorporated," for the Holten High School Medal Fund.

Voted, That after April 1, 1910, the Library Fund shall be known as the Peabody Endowment Fund, and shall always stand on the books of said Peabody Institute as amounting in value to not less than \$56,726.78, and that said \$56,726.78 shall consist of the following securities and cash uninvested:—

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| 3,000 Am. Tel. & Tel. Coll. Tr. Gold 4s, 1929 | \$2,801.25 |
| 3,000 Atch., Top. & S. Fé Ry. Co. Gen. M. 4s, 1995 | 2,600.00 |
| 500 Atchison, Top. & S. Fé Ry. Co. 100 Yr. Adj. 4s, 1995 | 247.92 |
| 5,500 Atlantic Mutual Ins. Co. Scrip of 1909 | 5,500.00 |
| 10,000 Chic., Mil. & St. Paul Ry. Co. Gen. Mtge. 30 Yr. 5s, 1914 | 9,200.00 |
| 6,000 Chic. & W. Ind. Ry. Co. Gen. Mtge. Gold 6s, 1932 | 6,000.00 |
| 4,000 Col. & So. Ry. Co. 1st M. Gold 4s, 1929 | 3,441.13 |
| 6,000 K. C. Belt Ry. Co. 1st Mtge. 6s, 1916 | 6,000.00 |
| 5,000 City of Minn. Park 4½s, 1914 | 5,000.00 |
| Amount carried forward | <hr/> |
| | \$40,790.30 |

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| Amount brought forward | \$40,790.30 |
| 7,000 No. Pac. Ry. Co. Prior Lien Ry. & Land Grant Gold 4s, 1997 | 5,368.63 |
| 2,000 Pac. Tel. & Tel. 1st Mtge. & Coll. Tr. Sink- ing Fund Gold 5s, 1937 | 1,955.00 |
| 4,000 Wabash R. R. Co. Equip. Gold 4½s, Series C, 1915 | 3,856.40 |
| 12 shs. Col. & So. Ry. Co. 1st Pfd. | 636.00 |
| 9 shs. Col. & So. Ry. Co. 2d Pfd. | 189.00 |
| 7 shs. Claverly Trust | 3,500.00 |
| Cash uninvested | 431.45 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$56,726.78 |

Voted, That after April 1, 1910, the Reserve Fund shall stand on the books of the Peabody Institute as amounting in value to \$15,462.02, and that said \$15,462.02 shall consist of the following securities, Insurance Fund, and cash uninvested:—

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|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 60 shs. Barristers Hall Trust | \$6,480.00 |
| 50 shs. Pemberton Bldg. Trust | 5,150.00 |
| 3 shs. Claverly Trust | 1,500.00 |
| Insurance unexpired | 888.39 |
| Cash uninvested | 1,443.63 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$15,462.02 |

RESOLUTIONS PASSED ON DEATH OF FORMER TRUSTEES

RESOLUTIONS ON DEATH OF CAPT. JACOB F. PERRY

At an adjourned meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Wednesday, May 5, 1880, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

Meeting
May 5, 1880
Records, p. 107

Whereas, during the past year, Capt. Jacob F. Perry, the oldest original member of this Board of Trustees, has, after rounding a full fourscore of years, passed away from earth, therefore

Resolved, That we deem it just to his memory to say that we shall remember him as a man of integrity and worth, strong in his convictions of what to him seemed right; that while one of our number his conservative temperament always led him to advocate prudent measures, and his counsels were wise and judicious.

Resolved, That the above be entered on our records, and a copy sent to the family of the deceased.

RESOLUTIONS ON DEATH OF REV. MILTON P. BRAMAN, D.D.

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Friday, April 28, 1882, called for the purpose of taking action in relation to the death of the Rev. Milton P. Braman, D.D., a former member of the Board of Trustees and first President of said board, who died at Auburndale, in the town of Newton, April 10, 1882, aged eighty-two years, eight months, Mr. Samuel P. Fowler presented a paper in relation to the death of Dr. Braman which was put in form of Resolutions which were accepted and adopted, as follows:—

Meeting
April 28, 1882
Records, p. 121

Resolved, That in the death of the Rev. Milton P. Braman, D.D., the Board of Trustees have lost one of their distinguished

early members; one who, although he left our town several years since, and his seat was vacated at his own request, has in his absence always expressed much interest in our institution; one who was held in high esteem by the Board of Trustees, as well as by our distinguished benefactor, George Peabody, Esq., and to whom he rendered valuable assistance in forming and perfecting his gift for the "promotion of knowledge and morality" in the Town of Danvers.

Resolved, That the Trustees would hereby express their sympathy and condolence with Mrs. Braman and her children in their sudden bereavement.

Resolved, That these Resolutions be entered upon our records, and a copy thereof forwarded to the family of the deceased.

RESOLUTIONS ON DEATH OF DANIEL RICHARDS, ESQ.

Meeting
November 16,
1886
Records, p. 161

At an adjourned meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Tuesday, November 16, 1886, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

Whereas we are called to mourn the loss of one of our associates, Mr. Daniel Richards, a man ever highly regarded by us all for sterling integrity and worth, prominent and faithful in the busy walks of life, whose absence from our midst we will sadly deplore, be it therefore

Resolved, in token of our esteem, That we all attend his funeral and extend to his family our condolence for their great bereavement and our strong sympathies in their deep affliction, with our kind regards. And be it further

Resolved, That these Resolutions be entered on our records and a copy sent to the family of the deceased.

RESOLUTIONS ON DEATH OF JOSHUA SILVESTER, ESQ.

Meeting
July 30, 1887

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Saturday, July 30, 1887, called to take suitable action

upon the death of Joshua Silvester and to make the necessary arrangements in regard to attending the funeral, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

Records, p. 165

Whereas, by the relentless law of our existence, another of our number has been taken from us, one whom to know was to honor and respect, it is hereby

Resolved, as an expression of our high esteem, that we, the town, and the public have in the death of Joshua Silvester lost a high-minded and respected man and citizen, one who, by his life and example, has made the world better; breathing beauty and elegance upon the busy ways of our daily life and occupation, and leaving a heritage of greater value than glittering wealth to mankind.

Resolved, That the Clerk present a copy of these Resolutions to his family and make a record of them.

RESOLUTIONS ON DEATH OF SAMUEL PUTNAM FOWLER, ESQ.

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Monday, December 17, 1888, called to take action on the death of Samuel P. Fowler, a member of the board, the following Resolutions were presented and unanimously adopted:—

Meeting
December 17,
1888

Records, p. 169

Be it *Resolved*, by the Board of Trustees of the Danvers Peabody Institute, that we mourn the loss of another of our associates and colleagues, Samuel P. Fowler, and condole with his many relations and friends.

Mr. Fowler occupied so large a place in many positions, and was so well known, that we only should repeat his eulogiums did we attempt to relate his many excellences, which were so long seen and known. One distinguished trait of his character was his enthusiastic love of nature; another, busy and devoted application to duty; and another very noticeable disposition was his avoidance of conflict. But he has passed on with

the "great majority," and no longer will he associate with us in this world. But a few short years will elapse ere we, of the original Trustees, shall likewise bid adieu to this mortal life. May we be ready to obey the summons!

RESOLUTIONS ON DEATH OF ISRAEL H. PUTNAM, ESQ.,
AND HON. ISRAEL W. ANDREWS

1898
Records, p. 231 In the year 1898 a memorandum is entered upon the records by the Clerk of the Board of Trustees in regard to the deaths of Israel H. Putnam, Esq., and Hon. Israel W. Andrews. No date is given and the memorandum does not appear to have been authorized by the Trustees, but in the absence of any action on the part of the board the Clerk entered the following memorandum:—

During the year 1898 Peabody Institute Trustees have met with the loss of two of their members. Mr. Israel H. Putnam died October 26, and Hon. Israel W. Andrews died November 24.

These gentlemen have given this institution long and valuable service, and by their death Peabody Institute loses two loyal and faithful officers and the town upright and honorable citizens.

RESOLUTIONS ON DEATH OF FRANCIS PEABODY, ESQ.

Meeting
May 5, 1910
Records, p. 268 At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, held Thursday, May 5, 1910, the following Resolutions (reported by a committee of the Trustees consisting of George Augustus Peabody, Esq., Charles H. Preston, Esq., and William Crowninshield Endicott, Esq.) were unanimously adopted:—

Whereas our late associate, Francis Peabody, Esq., died in this town at his residence, "The Lindens," on Friday morning, April 29, 1910,

Resolved, That in the death of Mr. Peabody the Trustees

have lost a sound adviser and valued friend. Appointed in 1866 a life trustee of the Institute by the late George Peabody, of London, his death severs the last personal tie with our Benefactor. For the period of forty-four years Mr. Peabody has been Treasurer of the Institute—his first election to that office having been made on November 15, 1866, his last election on April 20, 1910. His interest in the Institute has been un-failing; his courtesy, his consideration of others, and his gracious, charming personality have been enjoyed and appreciated by the many Trustees with whom he has been associated during these many years.

Resolved, That the Trustees hereby tender to Mrs. Peabody and her children their respectful and deep sympathy in this bereavement.

Resolved, That these Resolutions be spread upon the records of the Peabody Institute as a lasting memorial to Mr. Peabody.

DONATIONS FROM GEORGE PEABODY, ESQ., OF LONDON

December 22, 1856.

| | | |
|---------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Endowment Fund | \$7,000.00 | |
| Books and fitting up room | 3,000.00 | |
| | <hr/> | *\$10,000.00 |

September 22, 1866.

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|----------------|-------------|------------|
| Endowment Fund | \$30,000.00 | |
| Building Fund | 10,000.00 | |
| | <hr/> | *40,000.00 |

June 18, 1867. Holten High School Medal Fund

2,000.00

December 30, 1868. Building Fund

5,000.00

July 14, 1869. Endowment Fund

\$20,000.00

Building Fund

10,000.00

Reserve Building Fund

15,000.00

45,000.00

\$102,000.00

*NOTE. These funds were created, namely:

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|----------------|-------------|
| Endowment Fund | \$30,000.00 |
| Building Fund | 20,000.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$50,000.00 |

*Subsequently divided on books of Treasurer as follows:

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|----------------|-------------|
| Endowment Fund | \$33,000.00 |
| Building Fund | 17,000.00 |
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| | \$50,000.00 |

COST OF FIRST BUILDING, AS PER TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS

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|---|-------------|
| February 25, 1867. Donation | \$17,000.00 |
| December 30, 1868. Additional donation | 5,000.00 |
| July 14, 1869. Additional donation | 10,000.00 |
| Gross income from interest and profit from sales of securities | 4,081.39 |
| January 31, 1871. Transferred from Library Fund | 262.73 |
| January 31, 1871. Transferred from Reserve Fund | 1,470.78 |
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| Total receipts | \$37,814.90 |

The above fund was expended as follows:

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| Building | \$36,628.53 |
| Grounds | 1,186.37 |
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| | *\$37,814.90 |

*NOTE. These figures do not correspond with the statement and figures given in the second and third annual reports of the Trustees, 1869-1870, but from a careful examination of the Treasurer's books appear to be correct.

COST OF SECOND BUILDING, AS PER TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS

| | | |
|---|------------|--------------|
| July, 28, 1890. Received for total loss of piano | \$500.00 | |
| September 3, 1890. Received for loss on building as adjusted | 17,744.00 | |
| September 3, 1890. Received for loss on contents as adjusted | 5,378.55 | |
| Received interest on temporary loans | 1,952.54 | |
| | <hr/> | \$25,575.09 |
| Of this there was charged for extraordinary expenses in connection with the fire, appraising, moving, fitting up temporary quarters and rebinding | \$1,003.60 | |
| Paid for new books | 1,736.77 | |
| | <hr/> | 2,740.37 |
| March 31, 1894. Balance transferred to Building Fund | | \$22,834.72 |
| March 31, 1894. Transferred from Reserve Fund to Building Fund | | 11,383.77 |
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| Total receipts | | *\$34,218.49 |

The above fund was expended as follows:

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|------------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Architects' fees | \$1,424.47 | |
| Contractor | 26,767.08 | |
| Chairs (928) | 2,224.05 | |
| Fire insurance during construction | 239.77 | |
| Furnishings and upholstery | 505.39 | |
| Gas fixtures | 338.75 | |
| Painting, outside and inside | 1,509.73 | |
| Piano | 600.00 | |
| Scenery | 468.00 | |
| Sundries | 141.25 | |
| | <hr/> | *\$34,218.49 |

*NOTE. These figures do not correspond with the statement and figures given in the twenty-sixth annual report of the Trustees, March 31, 1893, but from a careful examination of the Treasurer's books appear to be correct, the difference being \$186.25.

RULES AND REGULATIONS
FOR THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE
PEABODY INSTITUTE, DANVERS

The purpose of establishing the Peabody Institute is, in the language of the founder, "for the promotion of knowledge and morality in the Town of Danvers." The government of the Institute is vested in a Board of Trustees, appointed for life by Mr. George Peabody in his letter of gift. His letter also provides that when any vacancy occurs in the Board of Trustees, said vacancy shall be filled by the legal voters of the town at any meeting for that purpose. The Trustees shall annually choose from their own number a Lyceum Committee consisting of three members. They shall also annually choose a Library Committee consisting of five of their own number, together with four from the citizens of the town.

APRIL 20, 1892

Voted, To amend the Rules and Regulations by adding:

"The chairman of the Library Committee shall in all instances be a member of the Board of Trustees."

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1. The annual meeting of the Trustees shall be held on the second Monday of January in each year. Special meetings may be called by order of the President, or by the Clerk, at the request of any two members of the board. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

APRIL 17, 1872

Voted, To change the several dates in the By-Laws to correspond with the time of holding the annual meeting, changed from second Monday in January to the first Monday in April.

APRIL 18, 1877

Voted, That the Rules and Regulations for the government of the Trustees be changed in relation to the time of holding the annual meeting from the first Monday in April to the third Wednesday in April at 2 P.M.

FEBRUARY 23, 1883

In the second line the word "second" is stricken out and the word "first" inserted in place thereof; and after the word "year" the following words added, "commencing on the first Monday of January A.D. 1884," when amended reading:

"The annual meeting of the Trustees shall be held on the first Monday of January in each year, commencing on the first Monday of January A.D. 1884."

APRIL 16, 1884

Voted, To change the By-Laws in relation to the date of the annual meeting from the first Monday in January to the third Wednesday in April.

OFFICERS

2. The Officers of the Trustees shall consist of a President, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by ballot at their annual meeting, and shall hold their office for one year, and until others are chosen in their stead.

President

3. The President shall preside at all meetings of the board when present, and in his absence a President *pro tem.* shall be chosen by the board.

Clerk

4. The Clerk shall attend all meetings of the board, and keep a just and fair record of their votes and proceedings in a book prepared for that purpose, which book, together with all letters and papers, shall be kept in the Library Room of the Institute, and shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Trustees.

FEBRUARY 23, 1883

The following words are added thereto:

"In his absence a Clerk *pro tem.* shall be chosen by the Board."

Treasurer

5. SECTION 1. The Treasurer shall hold all the funds of the Institute, and shall invest the same in the name of the Trustees in such stocks or securities as may be approved by the Committee on Finance, as hereinafter provided; and he shall give bond, with sufficient security for the faithful performance of his duties, in a sum not less than fifteen thousand dollars.

SECT. 2. The Treasurer shall effect insurance on the buildings, Library, pictures and other property of the Institute, in such offices, and for such sums, as the Trustees may direct.

SECT. 3. The Treasurer shall keep an account in detail of all receipts and disbursements on account of the Institute, and shall report them in writing to the Trustees, annually, on or before the second Monday in January, and shall also at the same time report the amount and manner of investment of the Permanent Fund.

FEBRUARY 23, 1883

In the fourth line of Section 3 thereof, the first word in said line, viz., "second," is stricken out, and the word "first" inserted in place thereof.

APRIL 16, 1884

Amended to read, "on or before the third Wednesday in April."

APPROPRIATION OF MONEY

6. No appropriation of money shall be made except by a vote of a majority of the Trustees.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

7. The Board of Trustees shall, at their annual meeting, choose a committee of not less than three of their own number, who shall advise with the Treasurer in all matters relating to the investing of the funds of the Institute, and all bills, drafts, or orders for expenditure shall be examined and audited by said Finance Committee.

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

8. The Board of Trustees shall, at their annual meeting, choose a committee of three of their number, who shall be called the Committee on Buildings, and whose duty it shall be to take a general care and oversight of the real property of the Institute; to determine what alterations or repairs shall be made; to have charge of lighting and heating the Institute building and of ornamenting the grounds; and to audit all bills for expenditures made by their order.

FEBRUARY 23, 1883

In the seventh line thereof, the fourth word in said line, "audit," is stricken out, and the word "approve" inserted in place thereof.

APRIL 20, 1892

Voted, To amend Rule 8, so that it will read Committee on Buildings *and* Grounds.

LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEES

9. It shall be the duty of the Lyceum Committee to procure lecturers, to designate the subjects for lectures, and enact rules and regulations in regard thereto; their whole action being subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.

The Library Committee shall select books for the Library, and enact such rules and regulations in relation to the Library as they may think proper; said lists of books, rules, and regulations being subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees. They shall also select one of their own number to act as Librarian and fix his compensation.

Both the Lyceum and Library Committees shall make a full report of all their doings to the Board of Trustees semi-annually, viz., on or before the second Mondays in January and July. The annual meeting of the Lyceum and Library Committees for the choice of officers shall be held on the fourth Monday in January each year.

APRIL 19, 1882

Voted, That so much of Section 9 of the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Trustees as authorizes the choice of the Librarian by the Library Committee, and the price paid for his services, is hereby repealed, and,

Voted, That the Trustees shall annually choose a Librarian.

Vote reconsidered.

Voted, That so much of Section 9 of the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Trustees as authorizes the choice of the Librarian by the Library Committee, and the salary to be paid him, is hereby repealed, and

Voted, That commencing with the present year the Librarian shall be chosen by the Trustees at their annual meeting, and they shall fix the amount of salary to be paid him.

In the third line of the second clause, beginning with the fourth word, "said," that word and the following sixteen words are stricken out, and the following words inserted in place thereof: "The Board of Trustees may at their pleasure require that said list of books, rules, and regulations be approved by them."

Also in the fourth line of said second clause, beginning with the tenth word, "they," that word and the sixteen words following be stricken out and the following words inserted in place thereof: "The Librarian shall be chosen by the Trustees at their annual meeting by ballot, and they shall fix the compensation of said Librarian."

Also in the seventh line of said second clause, the first part of the thirteenth word, viz., "semi," is stricken out, and in the eighth line of said clause the seventh word, "second," be stricken out and the word "first" inserted in place thereof.

Also in the said eighth line, beginning with the eleventh word, "and," that and the remaining words in said second clause be stricken out and the following words inserted in place thereof, viz: "The annual meeting of the Lyceum and Library Committees for the choice of officers shall be held as soon as may be after their election."

APRIL 16, 1884

Amended to read, "on or before the third Wednesday in April."

LIBRARIAN

10. It shall be the duty of the Librarian to attend personally to receiving, recording, and arranging the books of the Library, under the direction of the Library Committee; to attend to the delivery and return of the books, and to keep a correct account thereof; to collect fines and forfeitures, and pay the same over to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees; and generally to perform all the duties required of him by the Committee on the Library. He shall annually, on or before the first Monday in January, make a report to the Library Com-

mittee of all such matters relating to the condition or wants of the Library as shall come under his special observation.

FEBRUARY 23, 1883

After the section relating to the "Librarian" shall appear the title "Janitor" and the following:—

"II. There shall be a Janitor, who shall be elected by the Board of Trustees by ballot at their annual meeting, and they shall determine his compensation."

The duties of the Janitor shall be to have the general care of the Institute building at all times.

He shall keep all parts of the building, cellar, and water-closets in clean and good condition, shall not allow paper or rubbish of any description to accumulate in the cellar or any other part of the building, shall attend to heating and lighting the Library room and Hall whenever required, and shall see at all times that the heating and lighting apparatus are in a proper and safe condition.

He shall see that all the doors and windows are properly closed and fastened, except when it is necessary they should be opened by reason of the use of the Library room on days for the delivery of books, or the use of the Hall for lectures, entertainments, or other purposes authorized by the Trustees.

He shall open the Hall for all purposes authorized by the Trustees, and see that no damage is done to the furniture, piano, pictures, or other appurtenances of the building, and shall be responsible for the preservation and safety of the same.

He shall see that safe egress from the Hall may be had during its occupancy by all the front and rear staircases and doors, and that after such occupancy the lights are properly extinguished, the Hall closed, and the doors securely fastened.

He shall also have charge of the Institute grounds, and shall keep the walks and all other portions thereof in good condition.

He shall be in attendance at the Library on days when it is opened, to preserve order and to give such other assistance as may be required.

He shall perform all the duties herein required, under the direction and supervision, and subject to the approval of the Committee on Buildings.

APRIL 16, 1884

Article 10 amended to read, "The Librarian shall annually, on or before the third Wednesday in April."

ESTIMATES

II. The Board of Trustees shall, on or before the second Monday in January in each year, make up an estimate of the income for the year and the amount which will probably be

required for alterations and repairs of the buildings, and insurance of the same, and other property of the Institute, and all other expenditures on account of the property for the year next ensuing; and it shall be the duty of the Clerk thereupon to notify the Lyceum and Library Committees of the amount of money appropriated to each for their use, and which will be paid over to them from time to time upon orders duly approved by them.

FEBRUARY 23, 1883

The figures "11" are stricken out and the figures "12" inserted in place thereof.

Also in the first line of this section the words "Board of Trustees" are stricken out, and the words "Finance Committee" inserted in place thereof.

Also in the same line the word "second" stricken out, and the word "first" inserted in place thereof.

APRIL 21, 1897

Voted, That Article 12 of the By-Laws be stricken out.

AMENDMENTS

12. These Rules and Regulations may be altered by the Board of Trustees at their annual meeting, or at any meeting called for that purpose; but no alteration shall be made except by a vote of a majority of the Trustees.

FEBRUARY 23, 1883

The figures "12" stricken out and the figures "13" inserted in place thereof.

APRIL 26, 1900

Voted, That Article 13 of the Rules and Regulations be numbered 12.

LECTURES

13. All inhabitants of the Town of Danvers of the age of fifteen years and upwards may attend the lectures of the Institute.

FEBRUARY 23, 1883

The figures "13" stricken out and the figures "14" inserted in place thereof.

APRIL 26, 1900

Voted, That Article 14 of the Rules and Regulations be numbered 13.

APRIL 20, 1904

Voted, To suspend the By-Law in regard to age of attendance for one year.

APRIL 19, 1905

Same vote passed as above.

APRIL 18, 1906

Same vote passed as above.

Mr. Peabody having given to the Town of Danvers the sum of fifty thousand dollars for the purpose named above, and said town having accepted the gift, the undersigned Trustees appointed by him have adopted the foregoing Rules and Regulations for their government.

MILTON P. BRAMAN

SAML. P. FOWLER

FRANCIS PEABODY, JR.

CHARLES P. PRESTON

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DANVERS, March 28, 1867.

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VOLUMES IN THE LIBRARY

1866-1911

| | |
|-----------------------|--------|
| January 1, 1868 | 5,300 |
| " 1869 | 5,574 |
| " 1870 | 5,893 |
| " 1871 | 6,240 |
| " 1872 | 6,681 |
| " 1873 | 7,100 |
| " 1874 | 7,483 |
| " 1875 | 7,678 |
| " 1876 | 8,050 |
| " 1877 | 8,340 |
| " 1878 | 8,677 |
| " 1879 | 8,876 |
| *April 1, 1880 | 9,137 |
| " 1881 | 9,713 |
| " 1882 | 10,131 |
| " 1883 | 10,436 |
| " 1884 | 10,641 |
| " 1885 | 10,983 |
| " 1886 | 11,385 |
| " 1887 | 11,924 |
| " 1888 | 12,254 |
| " 1889 | 12,703 |
| " 1890 | 13,157 |
| " 1891 | 13,659 |
| " 1892 | 14,170 |
| " 1893 | 15,627 |
| " 1894 | 16,104 |
| † " 1895 | 16,102 |
| | 16,540 |
| " 1896 | 16,587 |
| " 1897 | 17,250 |
| " 1898 | 17,812 |
| " 1899 | 18,417 |
| " 1900 | 19,098 |
| " 1901 | 19,681 |

*In 1880 the Library year was changed to April 1.

†In 1895 the records showed 16,540 volumes; but several hundred of those lost in the 1890 fire had not been replaced, so that the actual number was 16,102.

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| April 1, 1902 | 20,178 |
| " 1903 | 20,743 |
| " 1904 | 21,535 |
| " 1905 | 22,118 |
| " 1906 | 22,780 |
| " 1907 | 23,734 |
| " 1908 | 24,577 |
| " 1909 | 25,221 |
| " 1910 | 25,989 |
| " 1911 | 26,700 |

TRUSTEES OF THE PEABODY INSTITUTE, DANVERS

NOVEMBER 15, 1866—DECEMBER 31, 1869

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| Milton P. Braman | Joshua Silvester |
| Francis Peabody, Jr. | Israel H. Putnam |
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| Daniel Richards | Israel W. Andrews |

Jacob F. Perry

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| | <i>Lyceum</i> | |
| Milton P. Braman | Samuel P. Fowler | Francis Peabody, Jr. |
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| Milton P. Braman | | <i>From the Town</i> |
| I. Herbert Putnam | | A. S. Howard |
| Israel W. Andrews | | Augustus Mudge |
| Samuel P. Fowler | | Rufus Putnam |
| Joshua Silvester | | Henry Fowler |

JANUARY 1, 1870—DECEMBER 31, 1871

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JANUARY 1, 1871—MARCH 31, 1872

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| Francis Peabody | Israel W. Andrews |
| Daniel Richards | Joshua Silvester |

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| I. W. Andrews | | Augustus Mudge |
| Joshua Silvester | | Henry Fowler |
| Daniel Richards | | James Fletcher |
| I. H. Putnam | | A. S. Howard |

APRIL 1, 1872—MARCH 31, 1873

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| Francis Peabody | Joshua Silvester |
| Daniel Richards | Israel W. Andrews |
| Israel H. Putnam | Jacob F. Perry |

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| M. B. Putnam | |

APRIL 1, 1874—MARCH 31, 1875

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| Daniel Richards | Israel W. Andrews |
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| Melvin B. Putnam | |

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APRIL 1, 1875—MARCH 31, 1876

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APRIL 1, 1877—MARCH 31, 1878

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| Daniel Richards | Israel W. Andrews |
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APRIL 1, 1882—MARCH 31, 1883

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| Lucius A. Mudge | |

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| Alden P. White | J. Peter Gardner |
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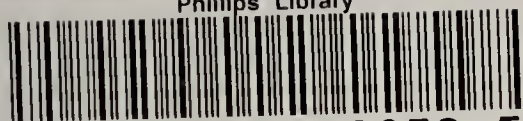
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